# Anarchist Worker

### **Trust Houses Forte**

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# THE RIGHT

RECENT ACTIONS of the National Association For Freedom show how scared the

ruling class is. So scared that parts of its right wing is organising for attacke on workers

NAFF's injunction against the Union of Postal Workers not to black post to the strike-hit firm of Grunwick in North London, followed up by a similar Injunction as regerds telegrams and operator con-nected phone calls to South Africa shows this, as does yet another obscenely recist speach from Enoch Powell in his attempts to get white workers at the throats of black

This right wing, while spouting a lot of hot air about freedom, is attempting to take away any gains hte working class has won in this for Bury St. Edmunds, in a speach in which he attacked trade union closed shops

#### Freedom?

Witness Airey Neave, Tory spokeeman on Northern Ireland when he talked about freedom - that's a loke - in Northarn Ireland, "The Government, despite the miserable activities of the Troops Out Movement, must persist in defence of that freedom"



PICKETTING Grunwick's outlets on the Day of Action, 29th January. The National Association for Freedom would like to benactions like these. Association for Freedom would like to ben actions like times.

BELOW: Drewing attention to the British problem in Ireland . . "miserable activities" savs Tory Airev Neave.

Photos Michael Sheridan and Mark Rusher (IFL)



Africa and any attempt to assist the struggle for freadom there is import-

#### Overrule

The case also shows the rightwing bias of the judiciary, and the attempts of one section of the bosses to overrule through the courts any decisions of the Labour Government

Silkin represents the socialdemocratic wing of the ruling class. who want to maintein a left cover for the benefit of progressives and radicals, and who desire a liberalisation in South Africa which they hope will act as a safety velve against deeper and really significant changes

there. In the Labour Party itself, Shirley Williams leads en etteck on the left of the party, and confirms what

iot, as yet, been a spectaculer response to rising prices and cutbacks, workers around the country have been involved in a series of strikes over union recognition and equal

Experience and organisation are being built up in fights that they ere fairly certein they can win if they show determination TRICO, in West London, for

example, where women won equal pay after e long and bitter strike. Automat, in Swinton, Manchesta where 25 workers won union recognition after a year of struggle, des pite financial support to the boss from the NAFF.

And the strike of Grunwicks inWillesden continues for basic Trada Union rights, still solid after many weeks. (See also Trust Houses Forte, in this issue).



This lorry driver was persuaded not to cross the picket line by women on strike for equel pay at Megnavox, Barking.

In other words, make sure that Catholic and Protestant workers main divided, imprison or kill any resistance, end maintain high

What kind of freedom is it where machine gun nests are on almost every corner, where Catholics are discriminated against in jobs and housing and education, and where whole neighbourhoods go in fear of the British army bully boys? And what kind of freedom is it at Grunwicks where workers are vic-

timised for attempting to form e union? What kind of freedom is it in South Africa where blacks and coloureds suffer incredible exploitation policed by the vila system of

Let's be clear where we stand wer the UPW and the NAFF. Tom Jackson is one of the more right wing union leaders, and the black on South Africa post could have been referred to the membership. Nevertheless, the whole case shows ruling cless fears over South

many know already when she openly speaks out against socialism and any attempt to get the Labour Party to adopt socialist measures.

Anarchist Worker says that any

such attempts ere doomed to failure. Socialism cannot be legisleted through perliement, nor does it mean paternalistic stata control in hts supposed 'interests' of the working

The working class alone, by its own activity, can build socialism. At the same time we should attempt to get through to lower ranks of the Labour Party, pointing out the bankrupsy of the Party and how the Labour right wingers are attempting to stifle any opposition and how the real fight for socialism must be fought outside the Party

#### in the workplace and neighbour-Waking up

While the bourgeoisie organises its forces, the working class is not completely asleep. While there has

In Sheffield, 25,000 engineering workers came out in protest against the threatened closure of the Capital Tools factory, part of the Edgar Allen Balfour group, which would

put 400 out of work. At Magna Vox, in Barking, East London, 150 women struck for equal pay, and in Greenwich 70 steelworkers struck over safety at

In Newhom five women workers refused to clear the dangerous substance asbestos, and came out. Their strike has been a long and hard one. with little support from their union officials.

Actions continue up end down the country, Slowly workers are building up resistance, often against the union bureacracy as well as the

It is very important for long term success that a genuine renk and file is built, so that nation-wide support can be geined for these local strikes and serious opposition to the bosses attacks can be mounted.

Editorial Collective.

been occupying the hospital for over three months. The

running. Doctors, nurses and all other staff are continuing to work as

A continuous picket of workers and supporters is in action to monitor arrivals and to prevent the removal of patients and

The hospital is the bigger of only

It has been staedily run down as October 1974 hints of the forthwithin the hospital of an Action

one natient. to Estruery less year Rarbara Castle announced that the hospital would be moved from its present site on Euston Road in Camdan and incorporated into a datrict hospital "in an identifiable form" No edequete reasons were given for moving the hospital and the workers do not take seriously the proposition that i Hospital in Islington without losing its identity as a woman's hospital and with no loss of facilities.

#### Job loss

The move will undoubtedly masn a reduction in health cara facilities in both Camdan and Islington, as well as a loss of

jobs.
The hospital was founded by Elizabeth Gerratt Anderson, the first women to qualify as a doctor in Britein, to give women the chance to train and practidoctors and to provide heelth care for women by medical staff of their own sex. on health standards in general, but on

vomen in particular Women have elways received second class treatment under the national health

Many of our health problems are treated unsymmethically or possed off an autoride. This is particularly true in the case of mentrous problems and minor disorders of genital and reproductive organs, such as cyrtilist, thrush letter visit to a doctor than men, yet because of the shortage of women in the medical profession, flaw woman have the possibility of being treated by a doctor of their own sex. A member of the short particular committee at the hospital described committee at the hospital described.

women doctors" as the single of



### EGA stays OK!

WORKERS OF THE EGA Hospital for women in London have occupation, which is in response to DHSS attempts to close the hospital, is supported by all the Unions and staff involved in its

usual and patients are still being admitted.

machinery.

two general hospitals in the country run by women for women.

over the past few years and as early coming closure led to the formation Committee composed of various sections of the staff and including

In addition to general woman's health care the hospital has fulfilled an important need by providing outpatient abortions for hundreds of women, including many from outside the AHA and London who would not otherwise and London who would not otherwise have been able to obtain one at 11.

announcement the camping to save the hospital has gathered momentum, gaining hospital has gathered momentum, gaining the properties of the properties of the trade (hinosis, political and losel groups, and culiminating in a march of over 1,000 people on the Gay of Action last July, of people on the Gay of Action last July, of the properties of the properties of people of the company of the liestisted on being referred to the hospital resource, lack of besiding from the AMA and imminantly threatened dozure. 
The decision to occupy was taken by The decision to occupy was taken by

will inevitably reduce still further both trastment and training facilities for women. For exemple, while the infent

and is now one of the highest in Europe, the OHSS "Priorities for Health and Public Social Services in England" include

In this situation the defence of a hospital such as the EGA becomes crucia

Need

ne Unions operating in the hospital NUPE, ASTMS, NALGO & COHSE) I amove to prevent the removal of machinery and patients. It has been endorsed by all the staff as a final weepon in their fight to save

he hospital.
Tha campaign is demending:
NO CLOSURE
NO REQUINOANCIES
MEND THE LIFT (mystariously
bound to be feutly after the Castla
nnouncement of the move, so that the
series and operating theatre above the
st floor have been out of use for a yea
A BIGGER AND BETTER HOSPIT

FOR WOMEN ON ITS PRESENT SITE.

The implications of this campaign go asyond its immediate objective of saving

ne hospitel.

The EGA is just one of many service: affected by the messiva cuts in social services spanding. 120 hospitals are threatened in London alone.

> Photo: Angela Phillips (IEI.) already underfad.

The occupation challengs tha workings of the Health service, aspecially in its ralating to woman. At the same type it is an example of how workers and the public can join together to right in a direct way egainst estacks on their rights and living

A threat by the AHA to move out machinary on the 28th January has been postponed and the hospital has been giver 8 weeks grace. In the maintime halp is

needed on the picket lins - contact Arthur Churchly at the EGA, Euston Road, London NW1 tal: 387 2501 axt.

The EGA Campaign meets evary Tuesday night at 6.30pm at the EGA

#### The rich get richer... rumours that the department was singling out Asians for

1976 SAW RECORD CROPS | special treatment. throughout the world, with the wheat harvest topping 400m tons for the first time ever. The called at each house to ask if world stockpile of wheat now the occupants had been visited stands at 156m tons, an increase of 41% over 1975.

Does all this extra food mean people getting more to eat? correspondent investigates

In the last thirty years world food roduction has increased by 155%. the seme period, population has risen less: 67%.

This would seem to mean an increase in the amount of food available for each individual - yet in fact the opposite has been the case. At the same time there have been lans for drestic action to slow down

the birth rate. Forced starilisations in India have resulted in the murder of sterilisation programme workers.

#### Concentration

The problem is clearly not one of population but of distribution.

Ownership of land has become concentrated - fewer and fewer hands, with 2.5% of the larger landowners (not including smallholders and farmers under 250 acres) owning 3/4 of all the world's lend, end of these 0.23% control over | with four bedrooms and two living

They have increasingly tended to he the food multi-nationals, whose primary concern is profits rather than actual needs

one kitchen, one living room and one In many third-world countries, hathroom, were told to provide an especially Chile, etc. foodstuffs are actually exported to the developed countries, in spite of shortages and the fact that people in the developed countries consume on average three times as much ner head.

#### Witheld

The recursion is likely to worsen as the ine situation is likely to worsan as the increase in world food production slows. The multi-nationals will try to maintain their rate of profit at the expense of hundreds of thousands of lives fost through

#### **PUTTING THE BOOT IN**

Building Contractors Henry Boot Ltd., well known to York rasidents
The men were asked to demolish the

Ltd., well known to York resident for the presention construction of the Smithh Singer complex in Conny St. A single state of the Smithh Singer complex in Conny St. A single state of the Smithh Singer complex in Conny St. A single state of the Smithh Singer complex in Conny St. A single state of the Smithh Singer complex in Conny St. A single state state stated through them — but no support control of the Smithh Singer complex in the Smithhold Singer complex in the Smithh

hortcut, but meds more precarious when

They visited a typical multi-

by an Environmental Health

Officer (EHO) in the past year.

Thay found that whilst none of

the white families had been visited in

living memory, ell the Asian families

were visited regularly every few

warned beforehand of the visits

required to give at least 24 hours

The ourness of the visits at least

whether the houses were overcrowd-

multiple occupation, and in most

cases any people staying in the house

when the EHO visited who were not

But in one case, e family of seven

had their nephew staying with them and the officer told the family he

Eventually he was allowed to stay

when the occupier eppealed against

Similarly, enother Asian family,

consisting of 2 adults, one child and

additional bathroom for the lodger.

Environmental Health Officers

other proof of identity of Asian

amilies and their visitors.

**Upstairs** 

have demanded to see passports and

They often went 'upstairs to heve

a lodger in a house with 3 hadrooms

the decision— this was in a house

were only temporary quests.

Appeal

had to get out.

though the department is legally

None of the families had been

months1

York Free Press Nov 1976

#### **ASIANS HARRASSED**

Over the past few months written authorisation to carry out Southdown Press in Learnington such an inspection, and celled repeat adily et houses in the middle of the Spa has been investigating the day knowing the owners were sleen. activities of the Environmental Health Department, following

More sinister was the case where after visiting a house the EHO approached the Community Ralations Officer and asked him to find out if the guests in a house were illegal racial owner-occupied street and The Community Relations Office

refused, objection to the harrassment of this family, but the EHO made two more 'surprise' visits to the hour into esking his guests to leave. These intrusions into privacy and

the prving, dictatorial approach of the Environmental Heelth Department are very serious when viewed in the context of deteriorating community reletions in Learning ton Spa.

#### **Protest**

to e chair end burnt to deeth - and Sevaral recist knifings of Asians returning from work. local immigrant presentatives end the Trades Council sent e protest to the Home

This document detailed the lack of protection the immigrant was receiving from racist attacks, and the way in which the National Front end National Party ere allowed to carry on their on their activities in the area Other complaints were that a grant for Urban Aid for a multi-recial

community centre has twice been efused with no reesons given; that young immigrants were discriminated against when they applied for appren

Equal pay for non-white women in the area was a nonsense the docu-ment stated, as so many were emploved as home-workers or in sweatshops where pay was below subsistence level for all immigrants who could not speak English were not informed of their rights in DHSS offices, it said

The document concluded that self defence against recist ettacks, race batred and discrimination by petty buraeucrats was the only mea inoful, affective ection Asians and other non-whites could take in this situation.

a look eround' uninvited and without Sharon Hayden

The tyranny sTRuCTur EleSSneSS

Jo Freeman

In this pampblet Jo Fraeman attempts to sketch out an approach to organisation that sketch out an approach to organisation that would prevent the growth of alkitst leaderships—which both highly centralised and bighly informal groupings tend to produce, n revulsion from the tyrannical structures of

mments, unions and other organisations some anarchists have shied awey from any meaningful consideration of self-organisation. The Anarchist Workers Association played no part in the writing of this pamphlet but has found it highly applicable to the ineffectuality of anarchism in Britain

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THE POWERFUL role of the security services in securing the deportations of journalists Mark Hosenball and Philip Agee is increasingly clearly being seen as only part of their intervention

throughout the political sphere.

CIA or British Intelligence (or BOSS for that matter)? No difference. They work together so closely, in Britain and in the third world that they amount to the same thing: the agency for the implementation of American/NATO imperialist foreign policy by clandestine means.

Four major instances that are still are being witheld from them. going on are coming to light:

g on are coming to light:
the de-stabilisation of Jamaica;
the case of tha Polish double
involved the deaths of hundreds of

politics of the National Association for Freedom, and, of course: the deportations themselves.

#### Panel

It became clear during the hearing of the absurd 'independent' pa into the Agee case that the ex-CIA



Merlyn Rees . . . I spy with my little eye.

agent's intervention in Jamaica was a

Of course, the details of the

It is true that the only indication CIA-MI6 job. was that the three retired bureaucrats on the panel showed marginally more on the panel showed marginally more is that his 'revelations' led to the was raised, and actually wrote down various times been said to have been

caught and got 25 years.
Others had to be lifted out of Poland as the net tightened. In addition there have been the totally unsubstantiated smears that two British ments were killed

two British agents were killed.

This last allegation was reported to have been put by Merlyn Rees to Liberal leader David Steel.

At no time has it been explained

who the two man might have been, or where they were working. It can only be assumed by Agee

that they were two of the Polas. It is a confusing affair, but the significance is clear: the original leaks came to a New York magazine from an acknowledged CIA source. Originally the CIA said the spies were working for the French: after the deportation threat that changed

agents; involved the deaths of hundreds or involved the deaths of hundreds or the various in British the intervention in British people, was the work of the Clarify it must have been the various that the clarify it must have been the various that the various three is no substance at all to any suggestion that Ager had anything to through M16, that jerked Rees into do with the exposure, whoever they

action.

But there are now doubts as to

Neither he nor anyone who he has whether this was the case. American and British sources are hinting that

the Manley de-stabilisation was a Poland. But the western intelligence Impossible to prove, of course, network has been able to invent since British intelligence is still a allegations that he has, and, more

Naturally, therefore, the legal records of the case, and above all the actual charge-sheets, were inaccessible to the accused and his counsel, consequently one did not know in general, or at least did not know with any precision, what charges to meet in the first plea; accordingly it could be only by pure chance that it contained really relevant matter.

A raport of the Agee hearing? No, it's taken from Kafke's classic novel The Triel, in which the occused never knows the charges and never sees the judge.

sight more sophisticated than its importantly, to present them to the American protege and its agants are ot publicly identifiable as diplomatic

If, as has generally been believed,

pressure from that agency, working

British job.

staff operating under cover. But the pattern would be the same as that of Guyana in 1967. It has een proved that toppling Jagan was

#### Dirty tricks

The dirty business of the breaking the Polish spy ring is another

working for CIA, Britain and France.

One member, the Olympic fencing or course, the details of the One member, the Olympic fencing precise accusations against the two Gold Medallist Jerzy Pavlovsky, was

#### **Nuclear** battle

Britain's dustbin for atomic contam-

'within acceptable limits'

radioactive hazard it's not a sewage-

Demonstrators cross the most.

Wey back in the fifties, we now learn, there was one hell of an explosion in a It was very effectively hushed up until centryl, but the coite of demays in the property of the common services. On Saturday October 30th of November 13th their were two manifest of the common services of the common services. Germany, Here the Government is preparing proposing to build its nuclear services action of the local population — from clergy to farmer, from environ-mentals to definish.

ind cannot bear the light of day. The National Association for with military intelligence backgrounds

Sir Robert Thompson, Sir Gerald western Welsh town of Abervstwo But more importantly, the use of a nearby beauty spot as a

This is one reason for the secrecy

of the procedings: allegations of this

**REES TO BE DEPORTED?** V ORDER to

'Deportation Order' to Merlyn



Department of

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placed to indoctrinate the security These are the grounds on which services, through lectures at police the deportations must he fought and military colleges.

ists without dataking the charges against them or allowing them a feir trial.

power of British intelligence agencies preparing to mobilise for the event working closely with the CIA, to influence Government and politics, All political and trade union is increasing. regime, a Thatcher Government, which is more than likely, their

In the meantime the Ages The upshot of all this is that the Hosenhall Defence Committee

groups are being put on the alert for If Britain is due for a right-wing big demonstrations all over the

Outside London, they are being repression of the labour movement asked to picket Immigration offices mportantly, to present them to the British Government as unchallengeable and the left will be orchestrated by in big cities. Meetings are also being



can be got from the committee at 186 Kings

Photo: Andrew Wierd (Report)

NUCLEAR NIGHTMARES coma thick in the news. The press has been full of confirmed stories of leakage from Windscala, in Cumbria,

ination from all over the world. It may come as a surprise, but nuclear power stations have never claimed to be leaknroof, they leak

Windscale has seen a large protest meeting in 1976 organised by 'Friends of the Earth'. It has been built to process nuclear fuel rods and waste, but it doesn't get rid of the





Police, dogs and tear ges were leid on to help keep them out. Plegards bridged the moet, otrpets smothered the barbed wire. Fermers donesed strew beles to help scale the deference.

defences. The demonstretors pitched cemp for the night. In the meantime the press end TV left, end the police seved the chence to etteck. They switched off the flood-lights, end went in swinging clubs end firing ter gis. Meny demonstrators were injured and some needed to be

sed. The next day the demonstration ressembled, but couldn't echieve the impact of the Seturdey. Foil kites were flown to interfere with police VHF radio; some private encreft used by the protestors were intercepted by ermy

### The National Association for Freedom's interesting and Association for Freedom's interesting for the National Association for the National As

Said petition organiser Lorreine Frost: 'People on this estate know only too well that any involvement with the ermy will mean e disruption of thair leisure time and western Welsh town of Aberystwyth have signed a petition condeming the possible denger to children who pley on the hill.
'The local council heve thrown this back

But more importantly, the organisation that provide is mostly and provide in the provide is mostly and provide in the provide in the provide is mostly and provide in the p uphold the decision, the game is not up by e long chalk."

A deep involvement in the fight of the

600 signetories is pert of the increased activity of the revitelised liberterien group. Other activities include showing of

retion camp". The nucleer lobby, the previous week

could screpe together only 800 nuclear workers from all over Germany to gether for them. At sea

The West Gormen ship the Otto Hehn with a leeking nuclear reactor was refused entry at the Port of London, but was

waste breans used.
35 yeers.
The other helf doesn't go in 70 years.
After enother 35 years, e querter is still
left.
It's high time we sterted to wind up

of cleaning up the mess world-wide apitelism has caused. J.T.

ellowed to anchor et Southempton. This poisonous hulk was mored only e few miles from the populations of Southempton and Postar the redisactive material in the world. Plutonium is produced in excess by some.

Don't be Kidded by "helf littles". This expression only means that hall the redisactive material in the source of the production of the productio

### THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE

THE CATERING INDUSTRY has always been notorious for long hours, abysmal pay, lousy conditions and lack of union

Recently, however, a number of disputes have erupted throughout the country which show that catering workers are no

grout the country which show that catering workers are no longer prepared to accept their miserable lot. At the Grosvenor Hotel in Sheffield, the Randolph Hotel in Oxford (both part of the Trust Houses Forte empire) and the Linton Lodge Hotel in Oxford workers are on strike for union recognition and proper contracts of employment in a fight to gain decent wages for decent hours with guaranteed overtime rates for antisocial hours.

In each case the reaction of management has been one of out-right hostility, workers have been intimidated, victimised and sacked merely because they are exerting their right to belong

hotels, and has a report from a former employee of Air Cater ing Services in Manchester which throws more light on the conditions catering workers have to put up with, and the un-derhand methods Trust Houses Fortes (THF) use against their

es at the hotels in Oxford followed e pattern which is becoming typical of

small service enterprises with no esta-

14 of the 22 workers at the hotel

The strikers set about picketing the

blished union and enti-union manage-In the Linton Lodge two waiters were dismissed on November 17 after

Victimisation in Oxford

concern which operates in airports throughout the country, duty-free goods.

At Manchester Airport, ACS Flight Cataring runs 24 hours a dey, 7

winter this is scaled down to approximately 30. Workers are divided into different sections, each with at least three hour + cost of living. Men - between 66

lifferent shifts and different breaks, thereby ensuring very little cohesion and unity in the workforce. In the same area, THF run two hotels; conditions there and in

ground catering are known to be worse than average in catering.
Flight catering is the only plent where
the work force is uniquised. ivision of lebour and reflected in the

ge differentials. Women ere employed in the rapetit

AIR CATERING SERVICES is a Trust Houses Forte controlling in-flight and ground catering and the provision of

days a week, throughout the summer - employing over 80 people. In the

### Wome, generally statistics, 10 pt of the control of

workers were students.
The management, however, deliberate-by encouraged devisions end entagonism between permenent end sessinal workers, young end old, taxed end non-taxed, man and women.
Many students were there to make a

criticised for showing no interest in work working conditions or in their tellow

amployed on the lowest wage level were required to pay the higher subscription. A shop steward was questioned about the obvious discrimination and raplied

that "you couldn't expect a man to cut sendwiches for thet money." — The amphasis on the role-playing as on the

Seasonal

working conditions or in their fellow workers.

The short term contract system is extensively used by THF as an easy way of getting rid of trouble makers.

Many people over ratining age wara also amployed as the chence of them getting enother job if secked are minimal. THE has always actively discouraged unionisation, their jov made assisr by e predominently famela workforce, a high labour turnover end a raliance on sessonal

rkers. At Manchester Airport the Union was only recognised efter a 2% day strike end conditions have since improved compared to other THF branches in the eres. Tha Union, T&GWU, made no attempt

to organise sessonal workers, showed turprise when groups of us esked to join and were unable to provide us with copier Later in the summer, seeing as ell the

Il-time workers and e substantial imber of seasonel workers at that time imber union members, it was ridiculous at there was active discouragement of articipation on a shop-floor level and a amplete lack of injetive towards any

Surs.

The Ganarel Menager, Stawert, had earnt to deal with the union by having parmanent token negotiations, which were sufficient to placeta opposition, recessable in the light of meny other

prassures.
The union had been 'negotieting' for e badly needed sick room end paid nurse for over a year.

#### Blacklist

Stawert had often bossted about a blacklist and threatened an individual

- the data was brought forward from 1.4 Jenuary and we had not time to pregue a definition of the top of the day of the top of the day of the d

premises. We have got a house rent-free from Short Life Housing, but only till the and of January.

What are your future plans?
At the moment we are concentrating on gating the TAG to bring its members in Oxford out on e one day strike and to organise blacking of all THF hotels. We are also drawing up a black list of suppliers end soon who have consistently broken the picket line — our blacklist won't be skerat though.

#### ing most of the major T&G branches have

TRG branches involved in the strikes pickating, publicity, the defence of arrested pickets and the celling of a

ing most of the major T&C branches have passed motions of support, donated massed motions of support, donated massed motions of support, donated massed motions of the country support of the country support course of the country support course of the country support course of the country support country of the country support country of the country support country to the country support support country support support support country support suppo

members reeding this, or anyone who has anything to do with THF can get e motion of support for the strikes raised, black local THF concerns and inform Oxford T&G of their willingness after discussing the question of sympathy action.

#### Unionise

This struggle is important not only for the THF and hotel employees, but for all fighting for union racognition and needing to davelop ways of spreading action despita non-cooperation from TU

ag in cataring in local government, who may already be unionized, and receive wages 'better than average' for their indus-try, but which are still dismally low

because hotel wages are so abysmel.

This shows the importance of vectors and the control of the

For mora information, contact Mr J.Tosti, 127 Botley Road, Oxford DONATIONS are essential to halp with delance of the arrasted pickets
Plasse pass motions for donetions or take collactions and send money to the T&GWU 5:870 strike fund c/o the above

WNV 336H ---These enclose are such thank to take advantaged and the second thank to take advantaged and the second thank on the second thank of the second tha How effective has the picket been!
Wa've hed e very good responce from sup-pliers; the first day we stopped nearly eve-ry dalivery. Wa've turned away some oust-owns but that's a bit herder.
The hotel lost £4,000 before Christmas: selves against the seckings?
The letter of recognition from our union officed errived in the morning; in the it must be a lot more than thet now. official grived in the morning; in the weeking we were selected or mere our union. The emission has a globel or mere our union. The weeking the selected or mere our union. The weeking the selected or selected our union. We have the TAG of higherd you? Mainly financially: they declared the strike official from control or the selected the strike of the selected or the selected of the strike of the selected or selected or the selected from the house of the strong from they have the house of the selected or selected or selected from the house of the strong from they have the house of the selected or selected or selected from the house of the strong from they have to the house of the selected or selected from the house from the house from they have the house from the hou pushed a car right down the road into e fence with the halp of e few of the strong

They were sent letters by the menager which blandly say "the rasson for your dismissal being that you are now taking part in this strike".

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In this strike, "In the strike is a proper to the strike is a strike at the strike is a strike in the strike is a strike in the strike is a strike in the strike in the strike in the strike is a strike in the strike in the strike in the strike is a strike in the str Anarchist Worker talks to Margaret Radbourne, T&GWU 5/670 shop steward at the Randolph.

In a staff in the management canteen at British Leyland, which is run by THF cema out for e day but we'll have to make more contact with workers ourselves, we can't raly on T&G channals

Why did you think of joining a union? We applied for a contract of employment

sain ne aectived bloody was 'on the cater-ing industry.
Where has your support come from?
We've had a lot of support from this town, from this motor works and frum students.
They've done a good job on the picket fine, a good few outcomers have been only too enxous to go alsevhase and the pickats heve supplied information on other hotals available.

places out, someone from Club One in Coventry ceme to see us while they were on strike. The staff in the management canteen at

We also interviewed loseph Tosti, the

It's illegal to sey that it was for joining a

### T&G vs THF

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fence with the halp of a few or in a strong erms they have of the hotal. We know for sure that the Netional Association For Freedom is supporting the menagement. Thair paper had all the details of the strike on the front page and they helped the management in the High Court over the evictions. necord.

Do you still rame you will remain the union are a good thing providing you change the officials. People have come to support us because they support trade unions. Most have come through the Oxford Student Trade

What happened in the eviction?

On the 6 December the staff living in hotel lodgings were served with a summons to appear in court 4 days leter.

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never pet employment with THF eny-where again, efter this worker had taken part in siftle action.
THF have a nationwide network of files on all their employees, which appears to be extensively used to prevent re-em-ployment of trouble makers.
Management is not so honest [stupid]

**Vanchester** 

Searches

Stewart collaborated closely with the eirport police, and authorised searches of workers as they left work. Under the contract, THF had the right

to search on employees home as well

which they did.

Flight cetering creeted a tremendous wastage; fentestic overpackaging – plastic everything in plastic begs – all thrown away, and workers were rerely allowed.

to take food home.

Obviously there was a considerable lo
of thaft going on, et ell fevers, and many

of that going on, at all favits, and many workers were subotaging meals and equipment as far as was possible. The company relies on natural wastage of sesonel staff in September before contrects are terminated in October. For about a formight, the work-load remains the same when many workers have left. This summer, at the beginning of This summer, at the beginning of

which they did

ployment of troubla makers.
Management is not so honest [stupid]
usually as to admit this, but Stewert took
pride in showing his entaponism towards
the workers.
He made various comments displeying
his political opinion, including, "Things
would be different when my party, the
crossed "2's party, pot in".
His supprior wat constently employed in trying to keep him in check, especially efter the Flight Cetering Duty Managers had thamselves threetened to take strike

Stewart on increased steff levels.

They were ordered to return to work end refused. with being locked out by the police, and accused of being political trouble makers. As it happened, there was a union A shop steward was then ordered to take her section to work on their bell dispute official and called a strike for the nich she did.
The workers were advised to return by

**Demands** 

We demended the remarkement of the sacked workers, e guarantee of continued employment for e worker who was told he was to be made redundant in October, end an increase in staffing levels. The strike was 100%. However, only the re-instatement of the sacked 3 workars. Meanwhile, Stawer commented that extens poole were precisely to use of the start process of t

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der place broken. No

A meeting between Stewert, the Shop Stewards and a full time T&GWU worker was arrenged but delayed for over a weal Staff levels were barely increased. Th

redundancy was only resolved by worker acting on their own initiative and threat-ening further industrial action, until a

stopped amptying the bins.

Many customers refused to cross the picket line aven though the clubs were run by scab tebour (including a NATK)

officiall).
The majority of the women had never

NEW COMPENDIUM CATALOGUE ORGANIC POLITICS-COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY SURVIVAL SKILLS ...



September, the airport drivers complain et the low staff levels in Flight Catering O k pt which effected thair work. Stewart stelled, promising negotiation When pressured he claimed to have put edverts in the papers which had been 'accidentally omitted'. 'eccidentelly omitted'.

One morning, four seasonel workers in one section refused to continue work without a lirm commitment from

other stawards and go slow.
Meanwhile, Stewart commented tha

Santan Parkets

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### So what's all the fuss? HOT UNDER

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It is now the subject of a Criminal
Blasphemy action brought by the
notorious Mary Whitehouse, and is printed here in support of Gay News

opposing the backward not.
the pending prosecution.
Blasphemy is not the central issue,
apidly becoming irralevent 'Blasphemy is not the central issue; religion is replidy becoming irralivent even to the ruling cleas, except when is now'l it is an excess for impeding a form it is unlikely that a poem about Jesus being chopped up into little pieces by a chain saw and fed to a giant sherk would have resid more than en sysbrow Momosiexu elity, however, or any form of sexual or you see his behaviour.

which cannot easily fit into the nuclear femily, and represents a challenge to conventional competitive consumer society is rightly regarded as subversive.

The love that deres to speak its name By Jemes Kirkup

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avan me.

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Slowly the fire in his thighs want out,
while I graw hotter with unbarthly love.
It was the only way I knew to speak our
leve's proud harm.

women has been used in conditioning their expectations — marriage, settling down to a secure job, sterring a family, acquairing responsibilities, not making trouble, and becoming isolated from those outside the family. It is used to sail commodities, end to bolster up the oppression of women and the consequent weakening and division of the fabour force and the

division of the lebour force and the community.

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When one worker calls enother e
'poof' its the boss who wins because e
divided working class is a beatan onel
Editorial Collective

desira, my dread —
Something we had naver talked about.
My spear, wet with blood,
his dear, broken body, all open wounds,
and in each wound — his side, his back,
his mouth — I came end came end came

This is the passionate and bisstull same say to provise that passionate and pladly. They inflict these toxine injuries of joy and grade and pain within the horny peradise of one another's with one voice by to heaven in a lest divine release.

divine ralease. Than is inong togathar, peacefully antwine entermed, with hope of raturraction, as we did, on that green state before we rose again, they came and took him away from an Thay knaw what we had done, but talt no for us, or enter, father they were glad for us.

men.
And attar three long, lonely days, like years, in which froamed the gardens of my grief seeking for him, my one fraind who had ha rose from sleep, at dawn, and showed himself to me before all of hers. And slook met to him with the list name how forever dayers to speek.

SHOPFLOOR

his mouth — I came and came and came
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As if each comine was my lest.
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COLLAR

SHOPFLOOR workers welked out todey et Gibbons Brothers, Lenches Bridge, Brierley Hill, because their factory was too cold. The 150

Wolverhampton Express & Ster December 29 1976

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"ICE ?"

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"The young workers were the power of the revolution. The students began it, but when it developed they did not have the numbers or the ability to fight as hard as these young

The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 was a watershed in

socialist lustory. New, after the Stalinist ice age which had gripped the working class movement for so long, came a thaw: a lot of people began to question the very

nature of Communist Party ideology. An Anarchist Worker Special Supplement describes the events - the Soviet domination of Fastern Europe; the death of Stalin; the risings in Fast Berlin and Poland; the

unrest in Hungary leading up to the revolution of October; the formation of workers and peasants councils, a glorious flowering of genuine proletarian revolution; the street fighting; and the ventual crushing of the

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### **FULL HOUSE FOR**

two Coventry bingo clubs which are per of a chain of businesses controlled by Or

They same out on strike on Oct 22/2:

It must be pointed out that the union officials working in isolation, as they chose to, were also subject to victimisation and other more subtle pressures. New shop stewards seemed to suffer from the union's completent and disorgbelow what the menagement were a end kept e picket going for 11 weeks.

Delivery drivers stopped delivering beer, milk and breed, and the dustmen

from the union's complexent end disorg-anised stets.

Neither of the two remeining workers were re-amployed when their contracts expired.

One of them was eccidentally given her discharge form with her lest wages.

The crossed out letters suggest that the original intention visit to write 'commun-

A second form was seen which stated that the worker was persistently late, and slow in his work and would not be re-emp-

He complemed and Stewart changed the form. Other workers were told no

such forms existed.
This kind of blacklisting is a mere extension of the grading, classifying en-brending which parvedes our existence from school on werds.

Luddism

Many airport workers seamed to leel that their only means of challenging their working conditions wes through sebotage. The union, we were repeatedly told, would get us nowhere, their constant negotations being unsuccessful and democratising.

Menegement structure was designed to

exploit ell possible divisions between

of a chain of businesses controlled by Orr Entarprises.

The women, who before the strike were being paid a miserly 56%p an hour, were lighting for the right to belong to the TGWU — the management was only prepared to recognise the National Assocn

**BINGO STRIKERS** 

WORKERS involved in struggles for trede union recognition can take heart from the victory won recently by the 70 women employed in Club Ona and the Rielto,

Isolation

of Theatre & Kinematographic Employees (NATKE) whose normal wage rates were

With this bletent pernicious exploitation of lebour, it is not surprising that THF has a reputation for being one of the most successful companies in the catering industry.





| HEATING |

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working class climbs onto its feet and comes into battle against the bosses and bureaucrats, who are putting up prices and cutting service in attempts to pull themselves out of the slump.

against price rises on essentials such as sugar, rice and bottled one (for

This was coupled with the rundown of public transport and widethe Sadat regime has handled the Palestinian question

industrialists and U.S. influence to help him out of his economic diffi culties and his large international and let Kissinger come in to

Attempting to control the crisis interests, Sadat is making sure laftjobs and that student unions becthe government.

#### **Riots**

In Bayla, several public buildings including the courts and the railway station were burnt; over 80 people wera killed and 800 wounded Sadat was forced to revoke the

wage rise of tan per cent.

This has not been anough to put

In Sri Lanka, railway workers struck for an increase in the Christmas pay advance, 20,000 coming out

The strike soon became a massive action against cuts in public expenditure involving other sections of the working class including bus workers, water workers, firemen and

postal workers. Mrs Bandaranaike called in the army to run the railways and the railwaymen replied by ripping up whole lines, sabotaging the signals,

as well as sitdowns on the lines.
All strikes were declared illegal: the workers raplied with a general

The government has put censor ship on the press, and has already arrested — as far as we know — 84 Strikers

The workers risk being sold out by the union leaders and a possible stata of emergency, may be declared. However these actions show a remarkable recovery from 1971 when 4,000 revolutionaries were murdered by the government forces.

In China too, the struggle against the bureaucracy continues. Government agencies have issued

reports of demonstrations in support of Hua Kuo-feng, but other reports. although haavily consored indicate that the large province of Szechwan was the scene of fierce fighting Disturbances in Paoting, 100
miles south of Peking had to be put down by the Army.

This follows on from Hua's speech attacking the 'radical' faction of the him is not all a bed of roses. bureaucracy, and calling for greater



Pro-Hua demonstration in Shenghei

ents soon gathered end pravented furthe lence, spart from an eborted ploy to

get them off using victous estation dogs.
Late evening saw the demolition firm's
thugs do the dirty work: they tore off the
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**EVICTION-Cologne style** 

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output and the revival of pay This means that the workers and asants would have to work harder, hile the bureaucrats positions

There is resistance to this from

some people, and despite what Hua

would like the West to think, life for

Of course only the owners of houses thet ere sold or rented benefit from the 'shortege' of houses and the protection of the lew.

It'e the same the whole world over. If you have eny informerising or expan-ience of similer activities, SSK would like to heer from you. They're at: SSK, Salierring 41, 5 Köln 1, West Germany.

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London EC1R OAT, All profits to Counter Acts's future work Counter Act: 01-267 5059.

Students' Union at 2pm (as part of the National Conference of

London and elsewhere: contact 01-251 4977 (day) or 01-267 5059

April 12th for four weeks

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debt. Consequently, he had to opt out of the Palestinian-Israal conflict.

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This resulted in riots all over Egypt, in the universities and in Cairo pitched battles took place with the police: 120 buses were burnt.

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The editorial collective remains

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The editorial collective will

report every month to our internal

bulletin, on what had been edited,

up commissions in different fields

housework, trade unions; students;

movement/sexism; creches, childcare,

of struggle, e.g. the womens

national conference.

organisation, and is subject to

Rights under the Employment Protect-ion Act apply only to women who have worked full rime for the same employer explains in detail what are a woman's

### **National conference** votes for revolutionary programme

AT THE last national conference of the Anarchist Workers Association in December, held in Leeds, members voted on a number of questions concerning policy and the running of Instant recall, the delegate and the organisation.

Conference elected a five person

MATERNITY RIGHTS FOR

WORKING WOMEN by Jean

Cousins, published by NCCL, 30p.

THIS recently published booklet

hava powers of mandata and recall commission to produce the draft of a over the collective, and there are to programme responding to the most immediate problems of the working class and proposing collective and independent working class situations to the present crisis.

This commission would review what had been left out and why.

AWA members also voted to set any documents sent in by members and within three months would circulate its findings to the member ship who would collectively decide on a programme. anti-fascism; unemployed work.
This would hopefully lead to

As regards Anarchist Worker, it was decided to elect an editorial collective of three.
This collective would be respon-

sible for commissioning articles, ansuring that important issues are covered coordinating the correspon dents, and seeing that the paper has a balanced political coverage. Each local group would nominate members to devalop contacts and

greater effectiveness and coordination in these fields. The Anarchist Workers Association hopes to increase its

activity and influence over the next few years, and to assist more fully n the struggle for self managemen of struggles and of socrety, and for the abolition of the wages system.

Employment Protection Act, which prior to the barth.

Somes into effect on June 1 1976.

Breatits under the Netional Insurance

supplement.
Some of the shortcomings of these provisions can be clearly seen incomparison with those of other European countries.

ITALY - 20 weeks leave on 80% of basic wege.
AUSTRIA - 1 year meternity lowe et full Gramsci's own output.

FRANCE - 14 weeks leave et 90% of basic

'Philosophy', 'Factory Councils', 'Mass Consciousness', and 'The Revolutionary wore.
SWEDEN AND DENMARK - in eddition Party'.
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it is implimented .

Meternity Rights for Working Women

is a cleer guide to what is an extremely complicated piece of legislation.

To aid those women externating to claim their right, there is a Time Chart, which shows when to cleim the benefits, when they case, when to notify the employer the intention to leeve or resume work. There is a table of entitlements, which

mostly shows in which circumstences a women has no maternity rights or can claim unfair dismissal, which is a very let claim unfair dismissal, which is a very len-gisty, discourage groedours.

This book is much more then a guida to legislation, though it shows how the twy year rule still discriminates against woman when the broad of the still still still still still Often they lind it hard to secure con-tinuous employment where there ere in numerate or after school play facilities.
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pièces, end most nurseries won't take bab-ets under e yeer any wey.

I would recomend this booklet to be red by enyone who is e member of a trade union, men as well as women, and anyong who is, or might et sume future date be a perant. which includes practic-ally all of up.

Sharen Maurian

### with a child at a day nursary, and the

It deals with the effect of the cuts of others workers at the nursery itself.
The cuts mean that the mother lose r place at the nursary end so may have

THE NURSERY PLAY by Counts

act is a really excellent piece of

committed political theatre

her place at the nursery end so may ha-to give up her join. long hours for the workers at the nursery and Inadequete feelities there for the kids. The play finishes optimistically, wit the prospect of united working class action against the cuts. Long the plant of the control of the plant of the the plant of the plant of the plant of the plant of the the plant of the plant of the plant of the plant of the the plant of the plant o

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It is e very entertaining pley with e lot of political ideas and informa in it. See it if you get the chance. COUNTER ACT is a group of

socialist media workers who perform and also offer practical workshops in various forms of media (video, silkscreenprinting, street agit-prop theatre and film Their plays include the Nursery

Play . Short Shrift or Double Shift and the Cuts Show, and they aim to spark off discussion among parents nursery workers, trades unionists, students and others campaigning against the cuts and for good quality

"Short Shrift on the Double Shift"

10th Feb Coventry - Warwick University Students' Union. (Evening). 12th Feb Bristol – University

Student Community Action) There may be other bookings in

(eve.) for details. Anyone interested in booking Shor Shrift or The Cuts Show - contact on above phone nos. - Short Shrift is touring March 14th for one week,

the creation of e revolutionary perty require more than the mere possession of e revolutionary truth. Such a truth must be capable of inspiring lenge popular action. Only when they (the americhits) have realised that absolves truth is not enough to move the messes to ection ... but that a specific truth is necessary will than be specific truth is necessary will than be

#### Councils

party rooted in the masses.

Despite being in Russia for much of 1922-3. Gramsci remained en edmirer of the Leninist course of the Russian

#### Aberystwyth

Dear Comredes. Dear Comredes,
Absrystwyth Anarehist Group
is assily the lergest group in Weles and to
our knowledge this is the only town in
Wales which has a substantialgroup of
anarchists who meet regularly as

sier to sell in the town. In Wales as a whole, however, the

In Wales as a whole, however, the american movement is soutered and ineffective, with virtually or or sighter conductransparence of the second of the se

active in the defence of political prisoners us to believe that the capitalist mode of production has inbuilt tendencies to An anarchist presence in Aberystwyth is now firmly established and copies of Anarchist Worker have become steadily

us to believe that the capitalist mode of production has inbuilt tendencies to collapse, stagnate or fall into crisis. I would like to point out that this law is by no means accepted as gospel by those Marxists who have attempted to develop a critical analysis of modern state monopoly

capitalism.

The law has been riporcously examined by Paul Carden in Modern Capitalism and Assoulation, Solidistry, 2nd Californi, 1974.

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It raally reminded me of Newsline with

a bit of Watch rower thrown in.
Perhaps you thought that a bit of senestionalism would catch people's eya, if
so it's a vary cheep trick, and from my
experience doomed to failure in the long run.
Thanks for reading this far,

frivatous - not serious anough for a revolut-ionary newspaper? How much should humou be a part of the revolutionary struggla?

As hoped, that headline provoked quite a lot of reaction. With this single exception, strangely enough, it was all favourable. This letter is critical. Was the headline too

#### Rally against sex discrimination THE SEX DISCRIMINATION ACT to women any more than it can

and The Equel Pay Act were brought establish reasonable conditions for in through pressure from the women's movement and the labour

movement. But the law cannot force



ell workers

From a leaflet produced by the rally planning committee:

"The real victories have been wor by women who have had to engage in active struggles, as at Trico But whet is won in pay in lost as unemployment soars and the cuts force women to take a greeter old and the sick and non-urgent operations - hysterectomies abortions etc. are postponed for

#### Rally

The Rally will draw together the experiences of all those fighting for women's rights, from the most militant such as the occupation of the Elizabeth Garret Anderson hospital to those just beginning to connect the lack of women's

good will of supporters. in design. To get across libertarian communist politics to people outside the small circle of the left we wanted
to make it attractive and easy to read, putting colours to
Also in November

action and a focus for local discussion of the issues and a against attacks on their living

#### **Cash needed**

AFTER a gap of eight weeks, ANARCHIST

WORKER is out again.
Why have two issues been missed? The answer: cash flow crisis: in a word - money. AW has never been a self-supporting paper. It doesn't carry pages of advertisements, so revenue doesi.'t sutomatically come in; it survives on sales and the

good use. This all cost money

opportunities with the exploitation

The exchange of information and lessons will enable a start to be made to organise joint acton on a national

The rally should not be seen as an end in itself, but as a basis for future reminder that it is possible for won

### AIMS & PRINCIPLES

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The contraction of months between contractions of months and the contraction of months and the co

Netional Conference.
[4] We seek to establish AWA
groups in all areas, not only
geographical but also industrial,
educational. etc. Groups
interpret Netional and Delegata
Conference decisions to relate

tactice to their local expe

As agreed at the Nationa Conference in London 31 August-1 September 1974.

The AWA secies to combat attitudes of sexism, ancisum and sulonal chewrinism as attitudes the maintain class society. The form our organization that the sexism and sexism and sexism and sexism and sexism and social model of ere society and must list! develop in interfection wit to the first of the sexism and social model of extra the sexism and social model of the sexism and sexism

As the crisis gets worse, more and more people are beginning to question the discredited remedies of leaving organisation.

[2] Membership is open to those who agree with our analysis of who agree with our analysis of society and its transformetion, and who work towards this end. (3) The main policy making body will be the Netional Conference. Between Netiocal Conferences there will be beld bi-monthly. De i e a a teconference in compliants and alternative.

bi-monthly. De l e a s t e Conferences to co-ordinate and carry out National Conference decisions, to decide interim policy and to initiate set/vity. Delegates are mandetable and rotated. Delegate Conference decision can be revoked by National Conference. bring it out fortnightly - or even weekly! But without help and money from everyone, this will remain just a

work, where you live, to your friends. Articles are also very welcome: no one who writes for AW is a professional journalist.

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a Special Supplement was rushed out when the news first hit that Marie and Noel Murray were on trial in Dublin for their lives, accused of killing an off-duty policeman. For AW, this was the first time a supplement was tried as an intervention and proved to be very effective in the campaign which has eventually seved their lives (though Marie could still face the gallows after her

re-trial), as reprint followed reprint.
5.000 ANARCHIST WORKER broadsheets were handed out on the big November 17 London anti-cuts demonstration linking the slashed public expenditur podwill of supporters.

with the criminal trespass proposels, then about to be presented to parliament, building for the Campaign Against a Criminal Trespass Law conference later that

> Also in November a 4-page supplement, the largest yet, was run off and included in every copy of AW on the 1956 Hungarian revolution. This was not history for history's sake, but a significant example of autonomou working class activity. A former member of the British YCL and CP asked us to send her a bundle saying that the events of Hungary 56 broke the CP. It was like a slap in the face sha said, for people who lived their whole life for the Party, and very important for working people nov to know what really happened then.

All this cost money, a lot of it.
For the past three months, bookshops had been receiving their copies of ANARCHIST WORKER through the Publications Distribution Co-operative

This has meant the proportion of AW going into book shops going up to 20% of the print run, and it getting to selves; something for which we are very thankful to the Co-op. Going through the PDC, however, has added to the cash flow problem, as we are having to wait longer for the money than previously.

On top of all this was the appeal for a Headliner — a vital time- and cost- saving piece of equipment — which has meant that the donations previously subsidizing the

loss AW makes each month were going elsawhere. The financial burden on members of the Association in all areas of the country has been particularly heavy in

the past few months. For instance the commitment to Murrays defence, especially in Scotland and the Midlands, weighed heavily on members' purses, as has the fight against the cutbacks In public expenditure on a local level, anti-racist work,

Given the rising costs of printing and distributing AW also, it is difficult to see how it ever gets out at all!

However, since ANARCHIST WORKER was launched last May, our circulation has more than

everything to market forces on the one hand, and more nationalisation on the other, and are searching for an This makes it vital that the ideas of self-organisation

and self-management are spread to as many sections of the working class as possible. If we are to do this, we need to expand the paper and

We have now raised enough money to pay for the headliner so that any money you send us from now on will bring us that much closer to the day AW appears more often. At the same time we still need to increase circulation; so why not take a bundle and sell where you

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### **Abortion rights**

satisfied the legal requirements for an abortion should be able to have

end in fact the proportion of NHS

ebortions has consistently declined since 1968 to its present level of

In some areas (e.g. Birmingham)

facilities - and the complete closure

Elizabeth Garret Anderson Hospitel

at poor and working class women

right to choose, our immediate task

is obviously to prevent its replece-ment by even more restrictive legis-

in London, will hit particularly hard

who will not be shie to afford the £60 for a charity abortion.

While the present abortion lew is limited in its support of a woman's

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from all over the country proved that

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it carried out on the National Health

rice. This has never been the case

OBTAINING a safe abortion will become even more difficult if tha Bill to be submitted to Parliament on 25th Fabruary becomes law. This emerged from the Netional Abortion Rights Tribunal held et the Central Hall Westminster on

Saturday 29th January. The Tribunal, which was organised by the National Abortion Campaign

it is as low as 12 per cent. The cutting back of abortion and attended by several thousand people, was a response to the resignation of the pro-abortionists from the Select Committee sat up to examina the workings of the 1967 Abortion Act. Despite the defeat of the James White Bill 2 yeers ago, tha the tightening up of the abortion

The new bill, to be introduced by William Renyon, Contervative MP for ations and is axpected to include the following provisions:

1. The raduction of the time-limit

by which abortions must be performed from 28 to 20 weeks.

are strongly in favour of the 1967 2. The condition that the two Act, and the support should be doctors recommending ab mobilised to counter the extremely effective campaigning of the antiand that at least one of them must abortion organisations. However, we should not lose sight of the fact that the Act falls far short have been in practise for five years - the only other duty for which a doctor needs 5 years of exparience of establishing the right of every is the signing of a cremation abortion on request, and leaves us. totally at the mercy of doctors,

3. The banning of links between abortion referral agencies end consultants end health authorities clinics. A measure clearly aimed at the charitable institutions Renyon Rill - but remember that which carry out almost half the non-NHS abortions in Britain. this is only the beginning. Free abortion on demand will only be This will make the whole process echieved with the mass support of working class women. We can enlist far more time-consuming and will considerably curtail women's chances of obtaining an abortion within the this support by campaigning for abortion within Trade Unions and the Community and by linking the

legal time-limit. The bill will elso make it much demands for ebortion and women's more difficult for foreign women to health care generally with our fight egainst the cuts. obtain ebortions in Britain. Further, anonymity will be granted to on 25th Februery followed by e persons bringing complaints against abortion clinics and in such cases police will be granted right of eccess supported by as many people as to all records. This will clearly make is far pesier for SPLIC and its supporters to harrass both clinics and

The introduction of the bill comes at a time when the already inadequate provisions for abortion under the NHS are being severely curtailed by government cuts in unifora aypanditure Given the attitudes to abortion in our society. it is inevitable that abortion facilities will be among the first to go.

The mejority of Area Health Authorities have never complied with their legal obligations in this field The 1967 Abortion Act

### LAMBETH WASTELAND

ON JANUARY 8, 11,000 pages of High Court summons and affidavits, were served on the 130 'illegal' squatters, both families

by the council.

They finenced their own repairs, and

The co-on has a work-force of ten, six

of whom ere employed through the Job Creetion Scheme, end three of whom are

school-leavers.
Compare this with Lambeth council's

record, succeeding in rehousing only 300 families a year, and paying out £500,000 e year in bed-end-breekfest bills for the

omeless. In fact, rehabilitation by LSHHA

Demolish!

heve now rehoused over 300 femilies through their building co-operative, end e grant from the Housing Corporation.

and single people of Villa Road.

and single people of VIIIa Road. VIIIa Road is due for demolition in order to create another pile of ruibble and corrugated to the control of the control of

local building workers' ban on emplishing good, empty properties, the council brought in lump workers to do the dirty work

Lambeth has the worst housing hortses of any London horough with a waiting list of over 17,000

homeless families.

A common sight all over the bor quality are scres of fenced-off wasteend and streets of boardad-up and apidly deteriorating empty houses.

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### **SELF-MANAGEMENT IN STRUGGLE**

-SPECIAL FEATURE

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### SOCIAL CONTRACT **MUST GO UNDER**

RECENT EVENTS at Leyland show hired thugs as on the Globtik Venus or police as at the LSE. of the unions, ever loyal to a Labour government dominated by the right, show their collaboration with the industrialists.

'Back to work or else!', threatens Scanion.

'Back to work or else!', threatens

the government.

'Back to work or else!', threatens the National Enterprise Board. Yet isn't this the 'left' Scanlon that the Communist Party gave its

backing to not so long ago? Just as it gave its backing to Beaver Jack Jones and those other 'lefts', Wilson and Foot, in the past. Further examples of class collaboration from union leaders can

be seen in the threats to striking workers at the *Times* from the NATSOPA leadership; and the backdown of Geoffrey Drain (see inside) over the Scottish public service strike.

#### Determination

Yet in spite of all this, workers are beginning to show a determination to fight back.

The Social Contract is seriously threatened by a rising tide of anger and against redundancies workers have occupied three Plessey factories

throughout the country.

A previous occupation of the Wildt Mellor Bromley factory in Leicester was called off after a threatened court injunction. This pattern is repeated in the smashing of the occupation on the Globtik

The rash of occupations throughout colleges and universitie against cuts face similar thrests, with an injunction and the smashing of the occupation at the London School of Economics.

#### **Threats**

The bosses are beginning to bare their fangs, with the increasing use of injunctions called for by either the right-wingers in NALGO, 'liberals' like LSE principal Dahrendorff, or strike-breaking organisations like the NAFF.

Physical dispersal of occupation are now to be seen, whether it be

Faced with increasing militancy from workers, students and the homeless, the bosses resort to their faithful servant, the law, with the Criminal Trespass Bill being put

through parliament. This law will not only affect college but also the thousands of because they cannot obtain other

#### Defence

Occupations, wherever they take place, must be defended and the maximum mobilisation possible in the area must be countered against such threat, through workers, students and squatters united

Merlyn Rees has already obtained the planned deportation of Agee and Hosenball, in compliance with the CIA and the US treasury.

He is already preparing laws to further limit immigration and harass immigrants already here, in the same way as he has used the Prevention of Terrorism Act to harass the Irish working class community, with arbitrary arrests and deportations.
Many of these people had nothing to do with the IRA but happened to be militant at their place of work.

#### All out!

In the face of all these attacks on the meagre liberties obtained by the working class (and only then through years of struggle), it becomes more and more important to fight against low wages and for equal pay; against unemployment and the cuts; against the Criminal Trespass Law, the Immigration Act and the Prevention

of Terrorism Act. One way in which rank and file organisations can be built up is by building for the national day of strike action called by the Liason Committee in turbonce of Trade Unions this Abril 19th, to fight against the Social Contract for free collective bargaining.

EDITORIAL COLLECTIVE



Workers occupy at Massey Ferguson. The Labour government is trying to outlaw actions like these with the Criminal Trespass Law now going through Parliament.



### **Anarchist**

56 BRITISH LEYLAND workers in Horsepath, Oxford, have been out for several weeks - not the most spectacular of the recent stoppages but showing just how much rules and laws are bent to suit the bosses convenience unless they are forced to see the workers side.

It was customary for the parts selectors and other workers involved to be given a certain number of hours overtime in the shape of

specific jobs.

If these jobs took less time than expected, the men could leave when they were completed without clocking off - after all a job is worth as much if it takes a little longer or shorter to do. But in December the management

sterted asking men to start other jobs if they finished those allocated before the time allowed was up, Apart from anything else, this would have been depriving other workers from their chances of

When they refused, they lost the pay for that afternoon - pay for work they had already done.

management admitted that they had been wrong over the one aftermon, and not always sympathetic there-

BIRMINGHAM — British Leyland Longbridge workers damonstrate against the social contract. Photo: Dave Evans (IFL)

They refused to pay the men for the time they were out at the usual 80% rate for stoppages where the men involved are not 'in the wrong'. By agreeing to pay for the after-noon's work the company had

tacitly admitted their responsability for the stoppage.

#### Sting

The management is also expecting the backlog of orders to be cleared

stewards and rank and file much

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be twice the amount but they would get no more pay.

other sections laid off as a result.

they refused to do.

Others not excluded by this

Leyland is its isplation.

After two weeks strike the

So the workers are still out, and

And here's the other sting: Men laid off were asked to do the work of the strikers which of course

They were then told that meant they hed refused jobs offered and so were not entitled to supplementary

means have been denrived by the Social Security, after phoning the British Leyland management, telling them men that they could not claim because they were in the same trade group es the strikers.

Another of the problems of this

dispute and many of the others in The workforce are split up into

many bargaining units, lealous of differentials, not always in the know

fore when they lose time because of

of the situation playing one section.

off against another - until it suits

to lessen the number of unions and

It would make control by the

union bureaucracy over the shop

sections involved - until you realise management are also calling for this.

them to lump workers in one trade

The management makes best use

It seems obvious to suggest trying

a dispute in another section.

group to do them out of SS.

Longbridge toolmekers shop stewards leaving the meeting that decided to return to work. Photo: John Sturrock (Report) simpler and enable protests to be money would be spent on repaying ation by management, IMF loans for installing more After a comparatively quiet time machinery in British Leyland so thet more men could be made recent events - most notably the

redundant Some readers, and certainly other members of the public, may say that Or on a payment to shareholders. They must be the ones getting the money from the sale of Rover 3,000 car workers ere overpeid already This argument would have some

cars, they couldn't efford them Better communications between sections, and a realisation that all the cars doesn't do us much good. workers interests are closely interlinked, that a wage de, amd does not

have to be excused by pointing to another and screaming 'differential' are needed. But the links must be built up from rank end file level - for ex stewards at Cowley - not imposed as part of increasing the smooth

running and efficiency, ie exploit-

Longbridge protest against the socie contract - indicate that car worker ਸਭy be beginning to see through the promises of prosperity resulting

from greeter productivity.

Most readers of Anarchist Worke probably realise that already and that increasing the number of motor It is a hopeful sign if car workers

don't preface wage or other claims by saying that their conditions should be improved to make the production of cars go better, but instead imply that there is no point at all in making cars if they have to example the revival of the joint shop make sacrifices and suffer worse pey

### **Riot aftermath**

PRISONERS have been harassed and beaten up by screws and solitary confinement has been widespread, following the riot at Hull gaol last September (see eye witness account Anarchist

Worker October '76). As early as November 1975. organisations outside - PROP (prisoners rights movement) RAP (radical alternatives to prison) and UPAL (up against the Law) - knew that conditions in Hull were acute, and

Gruelling

sense to it if such critics went on to

suggest ways of making assembly

line work less gruelling, or improving apprentices pay so that on the one

hand workers on the line wouldn't

need so much to compensate them

for the noise , strain and often dan-

On the other hand, skilled

treining years on low pay. But in any case, the car workers

workers didn't have to make up

wages wouldn't be spent on enything better if they did accept cuts; the

were leading to confrontation. When a prisoner was beaten up in the segregation unit, about 100 prisoners went there and demanded to see him, the Governor refused. The prisoners rioted.

They came across files on each of them which showed that all they had been told about the authorities 'working for your good' was false.
To make their protest public they took to the roof and stayed there as

long as they could. When they came down they were beaten up and then dispersed to other prisons to prevent the true story leaking out.

appointed an inquiry into the protests at Parkhurst Prison, The findings of the inquiry were never On September 16, 1976, the

Home Office announced an inquiry into the Hull protest. It's likely to go the same way as the Parkhurst

inquiry. Already at least 180 prisoners have lost many days loss of remission end privileges td privileges.

Jake Prescott, who was sentenced or alleged involvement with the or alleged involvement with the characteristics. or alleged involvement with the

PROP has demanded a public inquiry into the Hull prison cond-It has just begun producing a

Anary Brigade in 1973 received 700

loss of privileges, while Blackie

severe sentences handed out.

Saxton got 720 days loss of remiss-

ion and 252 days of lost privileges. These are just some of the more

bi-monthly newspaper called PROP(I)
It contains 7 prisoners accounts of the riots, as well as an obituary of the Irish Republican and socialist Noel Jenkinson, who died last year in prison, articles on George Jackson and how cless society makes Il prisoners political prisoners.

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"GOD SAVES THE QUEEN! -but he doesn't pay the bill" is one of sevaral stickers available from M.A.' A.M. Movement Against A Monarchy c/o 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1 Send e saa for deteils.

DEFEAT THE BENYON BILL On Fabruary 25th the bill sponsored by Tory MP Banyon was passed at its second reading. This Bill, severely restricting lagel abortion, must be stopped.

#### Conference

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squetting, and 'Squetting in other countries.

Other suggestions are still being examined. The second day of the conference will be devoted to discussing how squetters should organise both intermelly and to fight the criminal trespeas

proposals.
Peopla with ideas on this are Invited to submit papers to the conference organisers (c/o 2 St Pauls Road), London N11 so that they can be circulated before the conference. (Deedline April 5)

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The conference venue is the Jackson
Lana Community Cantra, Archway Road,
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Highgate tube station.
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10-b sech day with a Denetit dance on Saturday night. Entrance to the conference will be 50p. There will be food and e creche. For further information, ring 289 3878, 395 5185 or 286 4452, or write to Squat...rs Conference, c/o 2 St Pauls Rd., London N1.

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through many hard years of

Now these services have

come under vicious and

widespread attack from the

employing class. The slump forces them to exert pressure to

axe expenditure in the public

realised by the majority of working

people in this country, is that any

struggle.

The fight for workers' power in Spain -centre pages

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### For a workers' solution to the crisis!

#### **BUILD A PUBLIC SECTOR** PUBLIC SERVICES in this **CUTS MUST** country-health, education social security-have been secured by working people

### **BE FOUGHT**

IN MAY the AWA National Conference took place. One of the most important debates was around our experience of the last six months in the fight against the redundancies and cuts in public spending that the Social Contract has brought. Time and again it was pointed

out that once working people accepted any blame for the

etc.—is an attack on our pockets. Working-class access to health, education and to financial assistance in times of unemployment and This 'social wage' is being taken away at the same time as the ordinal wage is being reduced through price rises.
A realisation of the 'social wage'

that we are not going to pay for must lead to increased opposition to the cuts. This fight back involves the creation of cuts committees and the unity of public service workers and all those who use these services. In the public sector itself, the unity of those who work it must be

against sectional interests and divisions in the workforce-betw various government departments CPSA, COHSE and other unions which have members among public service workers.

Such a public sector alliance is being an obvious exception),

such things as cleaning and wage delive:y.
A study of militancy in the

National Union of Teachers, fo example, reveals that every successfully fought wage struggle took place in the shadow of strikes of other workers in the public sector able to win a wage increase when other sections of workers were in the

The battle to protect the social wage and to fight cuts best can be fought through a public sector create a public sector alliance.

It's up to revolutionaries in the public sector to begin the work of building just such a public sector, by raising the subject in their workplace and union branch, and

control over the public sector by through the pages of the left press workers.

Opening the books of Area Health

(Socialist Challenge, Socialist Worker, Big Flame etc.). Authorities, Local Education Authorities to the inspection of The demand for a public sector alliance can be an area where trade unionists parent teacher revolutionaries and trade union militants, all those in the public forth is something the public sector sector willing to fight the cuts and the social contract, can get together alliance can fight for, to determine allocation of funds and to increase When strike action comes for the say and control of workers and better wages and conditions, and users of the public sector.

against the destruction of the public The building of the public sector alliance will be a long and difficult united action of different sections task, yet it will be a major weapon o working people in saving services. At the same time it can create a under the control of the broad mass of the people—a workers' health service, a workers' education system.

wages, a sliding scale of public services at their real money value) are all demands that can build and strengthen a public sector alliance and begin a process of increasing OPEN THE BOOKS OF ILEAS AND

AHAS TO THE INSPECTION OF TRACE UNIONISTS, PTAS, COMMUNITY

FOR UNITED STRIKE ACTION AND

EDITORIAL COLLECTIVE

FOR UNITED STRIKE ACTION, AND ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE METHODS AGAINST THE CUTS — we will expose the token nature of the 'apposition' from the TU leederships. To this end we will support any work in this direction by Nelso Action and other democratic real

jobs, housing, schools, hospitals was hamstrung because they were led into an argument about what to cut. The experience of AWA members reaffirmed that it was right to take the clear stand that working people are not responsible for the crisis and

One of the key areas that we felt it important to put a lot of work into is the question of the 'social wage'. That is all the benefits paid for by our taxes - from housing, to schools, to hospitals etc. etc. In this area the cuts are much more difficult to fight - than when they show as redundancies and smaller wage packets.

We think they are important because they are about the whole quality of life in a way that goes beyond the necessary fight for a decent wage. They are about the rights that working people have fought for together - decent housing, education, health. It's more difficult to get a fight going against these social wage cuts but it poses directly the question of the sort of society we want, who makes the decisions about it, and how do we get it? A start has already been made in some areas, we'll

report progress. The AWA passed the following motion as the basis for organising to oppose the cuts to reverse them and to lead a fight to improve the quality of life for working people, by the action of working people themselves.

### hammered out. This involves a hard struggle

junior doctors, nurses and hospital ancillary workers, between teachers and school ancillary staff, between librarians and civil servants-in the between members of NUPE, NALGO

> necessary to destroy these sectional divisions and because by themselves each group of public sector workers has little industrial muscle and even less militant experience (dustmen

Unity of public sector workers can present one face to the social contract, to redundancies and closures, and to outside contracts on

#### MOTION AT AWA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The AWA commits itself to working for e Public Sector Allience. The elements of the programme we will fight for in establishing such en ellience will include:-REVERSE THE CUTS - we will fight for the groups set up to oppose cuts to pose the question of the necessary levels of

NO REDUNDANCIES, WORKSHARING ON FULL PAY (A SLIDING SCALE OF TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT - A

BAN ON OVERTIME, WITH THE NECESSARY INCREASED MANNING A SLIDING SCALE OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE - To maintain the level of WITH NO LOSS OF OVERTIME TOTAL OPPOSITION TO THE SOCIAL CONTRACT. FOR PERMANENT DELEGATE A SLIDING SCALE OF WAGES



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#### SMASH THE SOCIAL CONTRACT-**BUILD A PUBLIC SECTOR ALLIANCE** Trade union

bureaucrats to the rescue!

THERE IS probably only one thing that can now save the Government and ensure the acceptance of a third phase of wage restraint - the Trade Union Bureaucracy. By this I don't just mean the full time officials but also the many elected officials at local, regional and national level,

In most unions constitutional machinery exists to consult the membership but this may be easily ignored by unwilling officials. Only those unions with a clear rule or policy on consultation are guaranteed a say although the full-timers can still hamper fair consultation by allowing insufficient time or deliberately choosing a badly worded proposal.

the Integrity of Branch officials. Many to be built?

of these, particularly in my own

Whatever happened to the jobs union are right-wing Labour or are of the same persuasion ("After all. they elected me to represent them.")
and that there is no need to consult

'Tribune' factions of the Labour Party. Thase people tend to have the view, developed through years of reactionary and it is safest not to ask thay elacted me to represent them").

#### **Vociferous**

these beings is either to listen to what a massiva shock to their particular

From my personal experience I non-militant and even conservative areas are being most vociferous about contract, which in their minds means to all of us because we've only ever seen one side of the contract in

Whatever happened to the houses, Jimmy Baaumont.

At the first 1977 AWA National Confer-LIBERTARIAN COMMUNISM has not, as Anarchist Workers Association remains one of the few organisations thet is attempting a radical reappraisal of Anerchism and Marxism combined with distinctive

leave the AWA.

In the event they were the majority group end therefore felt that it was a point of principle for the other group to withdraw. This was declined.

Because of the strife that existed

Because of the strife that existed within the organisation and because the organisation could not proceed with egned policies while there was a group committed to preventing this, a motion was passed expelling this group The decision was not telen lightly

end many comedes felt rejuctant to take a decision that want against their long-hald liberterian ballefs. Neverthaless, such action was necessary to ansure the continuation of a vieble liberterian com-munist presence within the labour move-

mar comredes and wish tham success in such constructive work as they may be

undertaking.
The above was written by Arthur Adems who took an independent position at Conference in ratio to the two groupings but who felt, as a committed trade union activist that the organisational policies advanced at Conference were correct at this time of attack on the labour move rement and the ventring class by the inter-

Other unions will have to rely on schools and hospitals that ware going

that would be created to reduce the number of unemployed?

Wage rises have been halted while Whatever happened to the regeneration of British industry? These could have bean the sop that prices, supposed to have been expenditure on public sarvices such would have maintained people's as education and health has been belief in the existing order of things. A sop, of course, that naither social It is now staring working people in the face that the Social Contract is democracy nor capitalism could

#### Cherished

At present people are looking at things from a personal, almost selfish point of viaw. They want more money and are therefore bound to oppose any more wage restraint. But they find themsalves in opposition to the cherished existing order and are

As class-conscious militants we must argue the necessity for the declared their opposition to it. working class, for ourselves, to attack against wage restraint and an as Alan Fisher NUIDE General end to all "social contracts". Only by Secretary, made clear at Brighton demonstrating rank and file solidarity in action can we hope to build an despite the clear vote against wage opposition to both private and state capitalism. Nothing else is acceptable the terms of Phase 3.

#### **Pitfalls**

There are many pitfalls ahead for even if the Social Contract is

differentials. Some unions representworkers are opposing the Social closes the gap between them and the

around demands that take the whole

weaken the workers movement in its militants to fight for demands that worker at the expense of others, but

We have overcome our faer of other left groups and realised that it is possible to work with them in campaigns, provided there is e cleer minimum experement emong those participeting. Indeed, we have as gued within the organisation that such united front work is vital given the smallness of the ravolutionary movement forward fight for wage rises, but not as 'special cases' or to 'maintain their laft, end the need to fight the ettecks on the living stendards of the working class.

the living stendards of the working class.

It is not surprising thet the progressive development of these stitudes should result in a reaction from some members of the organisation. They said that they had become ambressed selling Anerchart Worker because "it contradicts Anerchart principles with its Marzitie fellow-trevaller." The idpositions in the wages league' A slightly smaller pitfall is that of

'kitty bargaining'.
The idea is that a fixed amount is By May 1977, the situation had By May 1977, the situation had become impossible, with no real meating ground for the views of the two sides. As a result of the expulsions decided on at that Conference, we think that both sides will be freer to develop. different groups of workers within the firm

The aboux was written by two numbers of this would clearly suit the bosses down to the ground, since It leads the wind the politics of the majority workers righting among themselves who supported the politics of the majority workers righting among themselves with the least hour theory (used within the organization).

rejection of any continued wage controls at the Brighton conference of the 650,000 strong National Union of Public Employees is a clear pointer to public sector workers' feelings on the Social Contract.

They voted in a motion that

basic minimum of £50, a 35-hour eek, and a return to index-linked shold payments. Anger was expressed by many

firmly opposing any extension of

a big lie. Instead of spreading the burden of the economic crisis onto

the shoulders of both bosses and

Declare

replace Phase 2 due to end in

Whether the union leaders will

He said after the conference that

controls be would continue to

the contract, denouncing it as a

massive fraud

elegates over the dramatic fall in the buying power of their wages since the Social Contract came into force.

#### CPSA to take action? Denounce Many sections of workers are

One basic fact has made itself obvious to the leadership of the Civil & Public Services Association (CPSA) - that opposition to public expenditure cuts can only be successful if the rank and file themselves take disciplined, co-ordinated action. A complete lack of information, a series of disastrous regional meetings and finally the withdrawal of industrial action in the face of management threats left even the committed feeling dejected.

Because of pressure from Branches the union has, however, been moving towards joint action with other unions and tentative steps are being made towards forming a Public Sector Alliance. But the members of all public sector unions, including industrial unions with members in the public services, must ensure that such an Alliance does not become a bureaucratic appendage of the union hierarchy or the TUC.

We have too often experienced directives contrary to the interests of the nembership being accepted because they are "official". We must dedicate

At CPSA Annual Conference 1977 other Public Sector trade unions. following motion from the South West London Branch of DHSS was fifteen other motions from nine overwhelmingly carried: "Conference different government departments graes that the only mathod of Expenditure Cuts is by employing vide-scale industrial action in the Committees of local public sector union branches undar the control of action campaign: i) A complete ban on all overtime out the labour movement for the

that masks staffing deficiencies, sharing that causes present job vacancies not to be filled. iii) A series of selective and National days of action in conjunction with

Arthur Adams. than fighting the boss over the size of hours of the working day, this theory said that profit was only made in the

the increase itself If they succeeded in introducing this system it would clearly damage unity between different groups of workers and generate intense

### Disinterred

really the disinterment of an argument years ago when trying to resist the demands of a newly-formed

proletariat. It was claimed that the economic system contained a fixed component for wages, a 'pool' that could not be made larger or smaller. Henca granting a wage demand from one meant cutting the wages of another

In reality of course it is the balance increases, and negotiations take place strupple waged by the working class amount of wages paid to the working

including one, from the Department

elected 'Grass roots' members" This

means that there is now a genuine

begin to control their own lives.

opportunity for the working class to

last hour of the day, the previous 11

SO CAN THE EXHUMED 1977

hours being spant covering capital

called for "an alliance with



### **Students forge** alliance

APPROXIMATELY 130 student militants from all over the country gathered in Birmingham Polytechnic on the weekend of April 30th for the first national and founding conference of the Socialist Students Alliance, This alliance is based round the following objectives:

1. To fight for unity in the NUS of those forces on the left who want to win the mass of students to an alternative socialist perspective to that of the present Broad Laft leaders and combet the growth of right-wing influences amongst students.

2. To build a mass united NUS linked in action to the mass organisations of the working class and other oppressed people in society

3. To base laft unity on joint initiatives, in the campaigns around the kay Issues facing students, in the union's national structures and confarances and in the alectoral field at all lavels.

After a delay due to late arrival of Again this term the NUS Broad participants the conference

2.00pm with an opening speech from Tario Ali on racism and fascism. He pointed to the threat from fascist authorities parties such as the National Front and governmen the National Party — a threat which will continue to grow as the

capitalists' economic crisis worsens. The way forward in this crucial fight was through a united front of all forces on the left involved in anti-fascist work and not by sectarian

attitudes and initiatives.
On the following day this feeling was formulated in a successful motion to conferance (by comrades in the libertarian current) which urged all SSA students to work within united front anti-fascist committees and to take an initiative in their formation

#### **Broad Left**

Later on Saturday afternoon Charles Clarke, this year's outgoing National Union of Students Presiden contributions on the subject of gave a short speech on the Broad gave a snort speech on the Broad Left's perspective and suggested that tha SSA should cooperate with this grouping of which Clarke is a member. For eight years now the Broad Left (an alliance between the Labourites and Communists in the student movement) have dominated NUS and the mass of

individual student unions. Because of their reformist policies the drug of social democracy. they have totally failed to mount effective defensive campaigns against the government's vicious attacks on the living standards of students and

the working class as a whole. Indeed they have often acted in a counter-productive fashion in order to keep a face of 'respectability'. For example in last summer's enthusiastic upsurge of occupations against teacher unemployment they failed in their function of coordination by not building links with militant teachers to demand that the NUT implement

its own policy of limiting class sizes This measure would have created thousands of jobs for unemployed teachers But the Broad Left are incapabla of taking any action that will alienata it from the trada union

sweat and resources into united fronts for increased efficiency.
As well as discussions on wome and Iraland and various resolutions presented to the conference the following day was designed to allow discussion on the SSA programma

### Crippling Perhaps this was the weakest part of the whole confarence since the

discussion on both these vital issua: was totally inadequate because of the crippling lack of time. It was rather hurriedly agreed that the national conference should elect annually a steering committee of six plus the SSA members of NUS axecutive (of which there are at resent two - Lewis Davis and Colin Talbot). In addition, a further ten people should be elected who, togathar with the Steering Committee should form a National Committee. Tha amphasis of the Steering Committee should form a National Committee. The emphasis of the Steering Committee will be more practical, dealing with the day to day working of the SSA and the

production of the paper 'Socialist The National Conference will maet between conferences to overse the work of the Steering Committee and when necessary take interim measures on behalf of the SSA (e.g. campaigns) although of course such measures would have to be ratified at

the next national conference.

Elections then took place in which two membars of the libertarian current were placed on the National Committee, One of them saw their major tasks as "ensuring that power and right of initiative remained firmly in the base of the SSA and did not drift into the National Committee a then the Steering Committee' Forward

accordance with this priority was given to a thorough discussion of internal structure and the SSA programme at this next conference Despite its shortcomings, this conference represented a step in the right direction — towards united from

work in the revolutionary left. the whole working class.

Clarke's speech to conference was

that the SSA will prove itself capable of fighting capitalist attacks and bringing the student body to a revo

cynically received because of its revolutionary decorations which do not match up with the reformist lutionary perspective, but through the work of its active militants in the practice.
In the Saturday evening session months and years ahead. N.K.C. interesting discussions arose from

working class strategy by shopfloor stewards. Again the theme was the necessity for unity among the revolutionary left.

### Awakening All the speakers noted that movements were at last taking place within

Left executive refused to mount

These failures have disittusioned and isolated thousands of student

activists who have been working

within their own student unions fo mora militant forms of protest. The wider lessons to be learned here are

that the perspectives of the Labour and Communist Parties offer no

prospect of advance for students or

politics the Broad Left have in

Failure

the body of the working class aftar years of apathetic slumber caused by Capitalism is failing to deliver the

goods either in providing a sufficient and secure material standard of life or in creating the conditions necessary to allow the emotional fulfillmant and happiness of the mass of people. The break with social democracy, the Labour Party and indeed the trade union bureaucracy is developing. For example thousands of

workers recently shouted down Jack Jones with chants of 'Jack the Rat' and 'go home you bum!' for his involvement in the Social Contrick It is at this critical point that revolutionary left organisations must

urge their militants to redouble their efforts in carrying revolutionary perspectives into the class. But the revolutionary left is weak and it is in such circumstances that there is a

### LIBERTARIAN STUDENTS

at that time in occount on against the Labour government of the control of the c not under way with about forty people present, on Sunday 19.

A set of proposals written from a firmly libertarian communist viewpoint was evidenced in relation to this size. The proposals described the libertarian proposals described the libertarian or "a state of shownic stagnation" lengely due to "a teak of self-disciplina and orgenisation." Emphasized was the need to build an orgenisated in Emphasized was the need to self-disciplina and orgenisation." Emphasized was the build an orgenisation in the communist the class as a whole down more manufacture.

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#### Decay

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#### Weakness

NETWORK

THE FOURTH conference of the Libertarian Studants Natwork took place on the weekend of March 18/19 at the North East London Polytechnic, and the North East London Polytechnic, and the North East London Polytechnic and the

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#### **United Front**

Although an Inn.S. Initiative, this ciliance offers all revolutionsrise o chance to form a united front. A united front against the Broad Left (an elliance of Lebourites and Communists) which has dominated the N.U.S. for the last sight yeers, end so often betrayed student militency.

#### **Future**

Traditional anarchists attacked these sposals as a betrayal of anarchist accoles and claimed that small, local,

Dave Higgins

The paper noted the striking resemb

unity.

Wa hopa thet this unity will devalop around e common progremme which will eim et confrontation with cepitalism, and it's revolutionary overthrow, and the

Perhaps the most optimistic and promising development from the conference was the formettion of a group of militant libertaness who are in favour of organising and working et a fibertarian currant within the newly formed Socialist Students Allience (S.S.A.).

Although an LMG, initiative, this conference is an experience of the conference of the confere

militency.

A united front against the bourgeois educational system with its inharent class bias, sexism and racism, and whan linked with other militant sections of the class, a united front against the whole capitalist

It was agreed that this move to work within the S.S.A. would bring libertarienism out of the "twilight zone" end into the real world of political struggle. It offers a chance to create a sound libertaries nonministic sur

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For information on the S.S.A. contact Andy Housley 9 Westbourne Rd. Edgbaston Birmingham 15 Tal.: 021 454 2000.



Students occupy Middlesex Polytechnic in April. Photo Andrew Ward (Report

The world enerchist press end some of the 'classy' bosses papers heve been heralding the news that in Spain efter 40 yeers of fescism, the enerchist trede union the Netional Lebour Confederation (CNT) is rising like a

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militie on the front while collectivising into enerche-yndicialist local the industry and egriculture of Catellonia Aragon, only to be stabled in the back by Aragon, only to be stabled in the back by Medical Catellonia C

The Spanish CNT is en illegal organisation, banned since General Franco seized power. Even so, it has Franco seized power. Even so, it has 20,000 peid up members, eccording to sources inside Spain, and figures published in Front Libertaire. Having successfully perticipated

in strikes at Roca (see lest AW), Fords, in the construction industry end heving made limited progress in organising probationery teachers in their probationary yeers, it has now decided to become more public. This is in the face of likely errests end violence from the far Right. Their paper is now printed in

Spain - it used to be printed in France and taken across the bor beck into Spain — end sells 40,000 copies per month. A publishing hou has been started called 'Cempo Abiento' or 'Open Pestures'. It is bringing out a series of pemphlets end books.

to the machinetions of the liberals end because the men that he know was his opponent end hit him this wouldn't tell us much about the fight, and it wouldn't

of much about the fulls, and it woulders be much going to the retire unless, the proof of the pr

To Separate THE ORGANISATIONAL

Piotr Arshinov Ida Mett Valevsky

PLATFORM OF THE LIBERTARIAN COMMUNISTS en Anarchist Workers Association publication

The Organisational Platform of the Liberterian Communists was written by e group of enerchists who had perticipated in the Russian revolution and the ensuing

I ney attempted to communicate their experiences and what they had learnt to the internetional enarchist movement, stressing the need for disciplined enerchist organisation, built on end releting to the working class.

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The Platform was sourcely stacked by the serechtist 'calabrities' almost without exception, who saw the formition of a structured exacehist organisation as the serious of the structured exacehist organisation as the serious experts of the serious experts of the serious experts of organised class exame this in the 1970s, to obtain a copy, sent e checupit 0.0 or 200 + 7 p. big made out to 'AWA General Fund' or JAMA 13 Coltmon Street, Hull, Humberside.



CNT international relations worker Jose E. Student militent and CNT member Angeles R.

**POWER** 

giving their services to their netive rulers, high and dry.





The military rising of July 1936 egainst the left-liberel Spanish Republic was defeated by the action of the working class in large ereas of Spani. Unarmed or poorly ermed the workers of the CNT end

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Q. Inst'11 possible that the searchart movement may be a form?

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events heve proved him wrong. Events too, it is hoped, will sweep the Spanish Communist Party off the field of struggle between the bosses end the working people.

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movement. It agreed to set up "revolutionary committees" which were made up of representatives of the parties end the agreementatives of the parties and the democratic organs of workers power—which are elways based on the factories and streets that the working class fives in, which are elways based on the factories and streets that the working class fives in. These committees were mini-parliaments. In one sees where the CP represented northing et all, the ChIT would give them some sears in the hope the factor.

AWA gives critical but friendly reserving the right to criticise

AWA opens the pages of its enercho-syndicalism.

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#### Defeat



ICHRIA

ort to the CNT in its publications. sect of its politics or structure cations to a critical debate on

> that a revolutionary policy of immediately that a revolutionary policy of immediataly granting freedom to thate colonias would damage the fascist forces and create the conditions for a wer in their rear. This was seen as enother thing that "liberel" opinion in Spain and the western "damocratic" governments would not tolerate and so it couldn't be done!
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Next, the CNT went along with the creation of a 'traditional' emmy. Difficars, saluting etc were all restabilished in the interests of 'discipline' is 'Bmell wonder, then, that with its gains taken away, its militants murdared by the Communist Secrat Police, its front line units disbanded or refused arms and supplies, the revolutionary working class movement was defeated and that struggle splant fection irrepresels struggle splant fection irrepresels

trough against fraction irrepresents where the control of the cont to seize the key points of Spain's second city—Barcalons. The city was the centre of the CHT end because of this history was the bestion of the revolutionery libertarian.

the bestion of the revolutionery liberterian communists.

The CNT where rullied to the call to the streets. Berricades were ast up. Communist and bourgeois parties declared dissolved. The fighting was bitter but once again the CNT played a key role. It told

reciprocate by giving up their raised erm. All these problems can be worked out by

reasonable men. And as long as they can

come to mutually ecceptable soli

already been defeated.

Today

substitute itself for the initiative and democratic self-management of the working people—either in the disguise of e 'workers government' or in a so-called revolutionary trade union.

The revolutionary organisation is e

And today? The CP announces the lift straight of the source described in all the straight of the source determined the lift straight of the source determined the source described to the source determined the source described to the source describ separate body of militents active in all the

It is both general staff and shock troops self-eppointed leaders and for the and its task is to fight for the creation of genuine democratic working-class bodies based on work end home ereas. Within these it fights for the most edvenced



learned, against the machinations of maximum unity around revolutionary

communism is the saying of Marx 'the

this up in a briefer slopen teken up fa the comredes who fall in Bercelone forty commisses of the CNT today.

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**BERUFSVERBO** 

Berufsverbot is the name given in Germany to the series of administativa measures designed to keep people out of jobs - chiefly in the public service - bacausa of their political views.

includes not only civil service-type administators, but also social workers,

Since than berufsverbot - litarally 'iob ban' has been widened to cover the quite transparently politically

motivated sackings in private industry and exclusions from the trada unions.

Most countries operate such a policy in one form or another: most laft-wingers or militants in Britain experienced the activities of the

n the topmost grades of the Civil Service. In Garmany the whole effeit is more

as a weapon to economically ruin and isolate left-wingers The organisation employed to

superintend the policy in the public service is the Bundasems fur Verfassung schutz – the Federel Conttitutional

Protection Agency.
Its duties are a combination of those
of the Special Branch and MIS: its task is to investigate end enticipete subversion egainst the West Garman State, and its ctivities ere directed mainly egainst the activities are directed mainly egainst the left, from the peaceful, parliamentary DKP (German Communist Party, founded 1968) laftwerds.

Effectively anyons who wents a job in the state's employ has to choose between socielist politics and earning a living.

The Federal Perlismant has never passed an Act on this subject; this present passed an Act on this subject; this present redicals it sauch by a meeting of viervous steat ministers in January 1972.
Estimises of the number of people have bean brought against 3,000 and about 500 have accusily been rafused jobs on political grounds.

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considered because of their political beckground.

The procedures are, of course, secret.

The epolicant has no idea of what kind

of evidence is being assambled against

THIS IS a slightly shortanad version PRESS newsshaets and organising of an article that appears in the first issue of Verboten, a bulletin 3) To support and initiate actions produced by the Campaign Against such as pickets, leafletting atc., which Repression in West Garmany. The Campaign has three main or Germany's role.

objectives: objectives.

1) To produce Verboten three times a year with news, information and Repression in West Germany, 35 packground articles on the situation Wallington Straet, London WC2. in Germany

2) To respond quickly to the needs Verboten can be obtained from the Photo Pietro Gigil (IFL)

Of campaigns etc. in Germany by writing letters, sanding out STOP

policy is trill very much in the heros of the and/vidual state governments: the SPD states tend to draw the further left' then the CDU (Conservative) states. At a netional lavel, and despite SPD protestations to the contrary, both the main parties intend to keep the Berufsverbot in existence.

won.
However, this was no great victory for right and justice. The surdict was that mambership of an orgenisation which the Varfassungsroutz considered anti-constitutional was not, on its own, sufficient to ben someone.

The court decided that such individual case had to be taken on its own ments; if other circumstances were a Yeourabla.

If you wish to help in any of thase

Copies of the first issue of

same address, price 10p + postage.

are related to the struggle in Germany, strikes of 1969 hundrads of militants

mants of equally right-wing British trede union leaders, the axclusions from German

Peter E. Newel

Originally it applied only to the public service, which in Germany

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Until last June they were not event bod of the secretic econostions ageinst door of the secretic econostic secretic properties of the secretic properties as a result of internetical present as a result of internetical present only at the goods, in writing and to extract to a levery? These Court addered that eithough a streament was paramissals for those secting a more member of the presenting of the properties of the properties was paramissals for those secting a more member of the presenting of the properties of the properties was paramissals for those secting a more member of the properties of the properties of the properties was paramissals for those secting was paramissals for those secting was propertied to was propertied to the properties of the properties the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties the properties of the properties the properties the

But a ban on amployment for political views only usually applies

Wolfgeng Repp, e postmen, was told to look for another job when his period of job probation ands next April because of his contacts with the DKP. The Actual implementation of the policy is still zery much in the hands of

#### Nazi law

The reasons for jurthlying asclusion, despite different amphases, remain the control of the property of the pr

The German unions were never intend-ed to function as extraomous organisations for the defence of the working class, and centres of militency. Communist, syndicalist and even left

are not just tiny minority groups.

"Dopositional" slates of an obtain Depositional states often obtain quite high percentages of the vote in the secrat beliots for works councils elections — 36% in the Opel factory at Bochum, for exemple.\*

unions can be anforced.

Whet are the reasons behind the
Berufsverbot? One answer which has been
suppested is that the political varting of amployees is e response to the student mass
movement of the late 1960s.

Many people who became redicalised et thet time have tried to get jobs as soc-

ective members of the DKP, in Social nocretic States. Damocretic States.

But activists, or supporters of other groups, enyone who has the misfortune to be errested on a demonstration, or even left wing Social Democrats in CDU run. steet to 'cleen out' schools etc. and heed off this movement by excluding redical idees from being presented in schools. And its cleerly having this effect. The states, stends as little chence as ever

#### **Victims**

the person could retein thier job. This makes matters e little easi

Where they ere in government the SPD' ere confirmed operators of the policy.
Where they are in opposition they often

where they are in opposition they orten become its victims. Two years ago Rudiger Offergeld, e mamber of the National Executiva of the Teechers Union, was secked by the notoriously right-wing Beverien State

Communist Party membranip.

As has colleagues pointed out, ha would have had great difficulty corruping his fellow workers. Like most sensial drivers in Germany, except those on creat expresses, ha was alone on this contract corresses, ha was alone on the contract corresses, have alone on the case of the contract corresses, have alone on the case of the contract o

the sack inhibits unofficial support, and the unions will not give official support. Last year a Dr. Hanninger, esistent doctor at a hospitel near Mannhaim, was thrown out of the civil service union, and then out of his job because of his membership of a small Medicat organisation

He had dered to exercise his

membership of a sinfall recept organisation democrate injall of the stand on his group's taket in local destrict.

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content end style of education is moving to the right.

You become more cereful about meterial from your own sources which you bring into lessons", said one teacher.
"You take care about newspaper outlings. perticularly about strikes or protest

"In the end", wrote e group of Hemburg teachers, "you start saying things n the classroom which you do not believe

n yourself". But the stretegy of which the ban is e part has wider implications.
It connects up with censorship, with curity to create 'social peace' inside

THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR by Hugh Thomas (£12.50, herdback, Hemish Hamilton; £3.50 Pelican) was first published

n 1961. Now e new, revised end anlarged

the kindest thing one could say was that it was by fer the largast work on the subject. Vernon Richards in ANARCHY (Vol.7, No.5, 1961) argues that it was the most cyrical book on the Spanish Civil War. He also chides Thomas in his "Lassons of the Spanish Revolution" for largely overlooking," the collectivisation of the land

and the fectoriestion, Thomas partly redems himself; and in a recent interview with Richard Gott in The Guerdian (2.277). With Thomas edmits that the aenerchist movement in Spain was more important then had previously suggested in the entillar editions of the book. In the 1968 edition, he slightly expends'

his economic end social section to include elevan pagas on the collectivas — in e work of almost 1,000 pages! Navarthalass, there ere improvements, and a slightly more sympethatic approach towards the anarchists and the left socialist

We can now, I think, give the naw, 'updated' Spanish Civil Wer by Hugh are not just they manothy gridus.

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### What's wrong with NALGO?

Govarnment Officers Association) now has ovar 600,000 members and is Britain's 4th largest union. Daspite this huge membarship, little is known used to deter militants. about Nalso by many other trade unionists and pracious little is known and policies by its own rank and file

Indead, it is only in vary recent years that the "rank and file" have the union was certainly not founded by (or for) the average worker in local government. Nalgo is the creation of the senior or chief officers in local government. The history of the organisation is a history of transition — accelerated in the present epoch - from professional association to trade union

To any Nalgo member of even a few year's standing the changes have been scarcely staggering. It took Nalgo nearly 50 years before it felt able, after much gibbering about "professionalism" and "getting volved with politics", to join the TUC Since then, to the accompani ment of constant attacks from tha well organised and vocal Nalgo Right organisational forms that begin to look like a "raal" trade unio

I recall writing an article in Tribune in 1972, in which I used the these words - "a real trade union" under the headline "The Nalgo Revolution". That hope that Nalgo was changing fast was premature and ontimistic as events have shown

Nonetheless, Nalgo has groped and a major industrial force (if, as yet, more in the promise than the fact and it could yet develop as a majo

Nalon is not unique among in that it organises both bosses and headmasters are in the NUT) but it of this organisational tendency than

I can racall being a member of a Nalgo branch where, by tradition, the incumbent Town Clark had been elected - unopposed - as branch existence. The only position that the were prepared to concede to a radical candidate was branch representative on the Youth Hostels Association.

#### Masonic

It is still the case that, formally at any rate, the non-office holding ordinary dues paying Joe and Jenny Soaps of Nalgo are allowed to attand only one general meeting a year -the branch AGM. It is here that officials are elacted and the whole affair is conducted with great pomp and ceremony. It is hardly surprising that on these reverential occasions with their Masonic atmosphere of regalia and procedura (the more inane branches still insist on the chairman wearing ribbons and medals around his neck), resolutions on such mundane matters as wages and conditions are regarded as akin to

Radicals in Nalpo have attempted to extend the avenues of expression open to the ordinary member by allows for "special" general meetings to be called - usually by a stated number of signatures by members on a requisition. This, however, can be a very dangerous procedure.

Although repeated Nalon conferthe local bureaucrats insist on those calling a general meeting putting meeting which can be forfeited as

branch, after members of the rank and about Nalgo's often arcane structures and fila Nalgo Action Group had called a special general meeting in an attempt to stop the branch secretary using the union's communication system to circulate literature on behalf of an out and out Right Winger in the NEC elections, the meeting voted to forfeit the £5 deposit after the branch deadwood had bean wheeled out to defeat the radicals

to the roof with departmental directors and thair toadies, the denosit was increased to £100. There are said to be branches where you'd have to take out a second mortgage to hold a general meeting! Nonetheless, the habit of holding

general meetings is spreading. Along with this, has gone the growth of a shop steward systam. Again, this is ming into being in a very patchy and often badly organised way - b it's there. As with avary advance in Nalgo's history, the development of shop stewards has been fought by the union's vociferous and numerous Right Wingers.
One of the reactionaries who had

grabbed the most national publicity - couresy of the Daily Mail - has been former NEC member John Fraser who along with other elemen of the Nalgo old guard, has become involved in Colonel "Round up a fer (see April AW).

#### **Nagging**

Every month the union newspap carries letters from mambers of the Fraser Klan, "Why don't we stop arguing about strikes, Chile, South Africa, abortion, etc", write these reactionaries, "and stick to what Nalgo is supposed to be about -wages and conditions". The answer to this insidious doctrine is that the Nalgo Right has never been terribly worried about wages and conditions However, this nagging is having a certain effect among the less politicallyl central committees and (b) they we're developed Nalgo members. morally blackmailed by supporters of

In Nalgo, growth towards that question of two steps forward, one step back. The union has always allowed "notities" in the sense of issues of the day and discreet partiato the question of Labour Party

Officially, the main rank and file radical group in Nalgo — the Nalgo Action Group — is committed to Labour Party affiliation for the union There is a separate campaign for Nalgo affiliation to the Labour Party, and the IMG push LP adherance, is in membership of the Labour Party and which is encouraged by the new breed of young Nalgo fulltimers who see the lack of a political dimension - such as might be available to the young thrusters of ASTMS for example - as a hindrance to their

The issue of LP affiliation raises massive problems of theory and practice for the militants in the union, self organised activity of the rank and The prime movers of this policy in NAG were the International Marxist Group. In fairness to the many fine has to be siad that they and other vote for affiliation or to abstain secause (a) they were, as in the case of SWP, under orders from their

THE CONFERENCE was attended by over 200 delegates from health service trade unions, from everywhere from Glasgow to Portsmouth.

In the first session Penny Simons from Manchester said we all know

events: what we must find out about are the little things people fight on.
Big token damos are a start but they don't have any results; things are achieved by putting on constant

pressure Other speakers described the threats to even the most complacent hospitals,

and what is bring done about it. At present, any worker leaving tha NHS after more than two years is entitled to repayment of superannuation

money they have paid, After 1978 this will be abolished if under retirement aga. Tha way things are going at present, this will be just in time for the NHS to collapse without costing too much in redundancy pay-

In the new giant Charing Cross Hospital, workers found that vacancies were deliberately being left unfilled so closed, the staff could be transferred. In this sort of case, less jobs, higher workload and loss of facilities to the community is accomplished without any formal redundancies — unless resistad by rafusing to cover for vacancies or to accept unwanted

The cuts affect the whole mmunity, and so all need to fight or the NHS, including industrial

#### Support

To save Acton Hospital from closure, the NHS joint shop stewards' mmittee took bulletins and collection sheets into the factories and addressed neetings, winning the support of many local industrial trade unions for Joh-

The Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, kept open under occupation since November 15, has been trades councils and AUFW T&GWII and other local union branches as well as by the NHS unions and

women's groups.
A message that came across clearly from all these accounts and more of working to rule, one day strikes, or even just asserting the presence of an

**HEALTH WORKERS** 

discovar a threat to their jobs in time, Discrimination Acts women are still If they fight themselvas no end

> outside support, but rely on their own efforts, then the chances are thay'll win. But often they don't find out till

it's too late, or believe managemant's assurances that 'it's only an idea' or leave it up to union officials until it's too late.

In the last thrae years over 100 hospitals have been threatened with closure, and only four or so kept

open - by the mass action of their In West Yorkshire many members

unions. The officials can permi

actions but it's up to us to look for

trained nurses work, and to show how union organisation can solve

solved in a similar approach.

Women

them - and how the major long term

was to exchange information on the

confidence in Jahour Janders with

TIME was described as the single

and for women with family respon-

operations, the chronically sick and

the old and incontinent have to be

when the 1/2 million waiting for

This is essential for shift workers

only heard of an officially organised demo the night before, but over The NALGO executive gave in to a court injunction obtained by right-

NHS was still advertising abroad for foreign workers.
But now applications for the wingers not to call its members out on the March 9th Clydeside demonst renewal of work permits are being ration - despite this sevaral local refused - workers are threatened branches took unofficial action but with the sack for no other reason than the colour of their skin or country of birth.
Student nurses work on low pay was mobilised by NUPE and other Mobilised, that is by the efforts

to get qualifications only recognises in this country — and are then told they can't work here densita a shortage of nurses' which is blamed the small immediate problems, like for empty wards rising milk prices in the canteen, auxiliaries being asked to carry out In Brent this policy was success

Desnite the Found Pay and Say

on the lowest grades, and have less

Women applying for jobs ara give

KNOWLEDGE as part of the norma

medical axamination. If positive she

answers to questions in interviews

like 'how long do you expect to wo

for' obviously aren't good enough it

it's a woman speaking! Immigrants are also being used as

Up to the last couple of years the

scapegoats in the government's

of unemployment.

it still more difficult has been

thought up by Herts hospital

DONE WITHOUT THEIR

fully challenged and a promise of a job and a permit for all who pass their exams this year obtained.

Unity
A strong rank and file movement

is needed to spread the work and wi on issuas that Drain, Fisher, Jenkins and the other TU leaders only tall

National activity is also assentia

HOLDING MEETINGS IN WORK pushed so far. undamental issue - we must on even if every out was restored thare ould still be not enough health

facilities, not in the right places, in e p-heavy organisation.
The fight against the cuts and for

hetter working conditions is also the fight against the social contract, the

the policy, who accused them of positions of "hostile neutrality"

affiliation is presently a back number to look like a reprint of Socialist However, within the branches. especially the big urban ones, it will increasingly become an issue. It is not something that can easily be resolved by resort to ultra-leftist To a large extent, all that the

militants of the revolutionary left can do, as tha Nalgo "centre" and Trotskyists such as the Militant group a clear programme of action backed will extension on every possible occasion to point out that at best only marginal improvements in the posit of local government workers can be expected from the move and warn the membership as best we can not to expect the wondrous results that the Labourites will promise (after all, TUC membership has brought, of itself, little benefit) and continue to focus on our longer term goal of building the self confidence and the

It is especially important that we traditional anarchist slopans in this open to the old Stalinist jibe that the vital to learn to work on both fronts. "objectively" lined up with the ultra

On this issue, it would well hefit groups like SWP and AWA to adopt

The Nalgo Action Group is not Nalgo's "non-political" trade unionism, doing particularly well at the moment. Nalgo Action News begins increasingly Worker and SWP dominated organisations or fronts such as the Right to Work Campaign ara uncritically supported in its pages.

It nonetheless remains the only organised group of leftists in the union - at a local lavel people work well without sectarian strife. The building of a libertarian presence, with revolutionary socialism, of an rather tahn a traditional and negative "anarchist" grouping, is necessary.

#### Zest ·

SWP tends to seize on words, concepts and phrases and emblazon these with all the zest of uncritical undergraduate revolution. Thus, at the moment, shop stewards and office meetings are the thing.

Disciplined and long term work such as the extension of general meetings (which unlike office in the union) - is not readily considered by these militants. It is

bureaucrats and Nalgo's fulltimers in lan S. Sutherland

occasions indecently exposes itself. To concentrate exclusively on "unofficial" activities is to laave this Sometimes the programmes and to look like old fashioned syndicalism Long term change in Nalgo - in the direction of a more "open" union

full cry. The bureaucracy on these

the growth of shop stewards as an effective part of branch structure, of development of a politically aware with sound research and theory, rather of a true democratic administration by reliance on the worn out Dad's Army who seek affiliation to the Labour Party and a place in the parliamentary sun for Nalgo's

> Revolutionary goals will equally not be won by a senseless and adventurist lust after ephemeral unofficial actions and organisation. They will be won by planning.

and by thinking, and by building rank and file groups which while politice and very much on the aganda will relationship to the local government Tiddler's ground for the backs of the

#### ANARCHIST WORKER July 1977-7

In introducing it Jimmy McCallum said that pressure was building up as workers realised how little the

involves considering why the allowed rises give them in comparison government and businessmen behind with infletion. them are unwilling to even give workers a staady real wage — why At present workers think they can only fight for a better deal by claiming they are e special case. We canitalism is unreformable

But it would be possible not only should support every special case. WE ARE ALL SPECIAL CASES. to win the most in the immediate situation but to obtain commitment All delegates were opposed to wage control and productivity deals. to refusing to allow erosion of gains by inflation if the policy of fighting to establish automatic cost of living but some felt that to fight for simply a return to free collective bargaining increases was adopted. wes not enough; only the strongest sections would immediately gain. Already some branches end

needed

it was a minimum, not a rastrictiva

demand; flat rate increases are also

regions of unions from NUR to NUPE have such a policy - one The idea that one worker's gain is another's loss must be shown up; argument against it, that it is too complicated for workers to be refraining from wage claims just leavas money in the bosses' hands. enthusiastic about, doesn't hold But the lowest paid still need to be convinced that an improved pay deal such as the £6 limit which was the More major criticisms included a

fear that it could be taken over by the Trade Union bureaucrets. They, largest single rise ever for many workers is not the most they can end Government departments not hone for An amendment to the declaration would essuma responsibility for reading: working out what the cost of living was, and the frequency of wage rises We must not commit ourselves to

wage control when we can't control needed to keep up prices, rants and so on. We should get e minimum wage (a.g. £50) and They might even be able to impose services. it as a maximum, thus achieving whet

have fully compensating increases when the cost of living goes up for one speaker called 'the unity of the graveyard' Without additional claims differus' received support from some delegates, who made the point that

entials would remain to divide workers and penalise those on the

bottom end. The supporters of the demend felt It could unite industrial and public- that it is effective in making workers service workers end discussion on it vigilant enough over pay to be bast

on guard against such sellouts, to push additional claims when needed. But fighting for one-stage flat rate increases is the policy of the SWP, the regions is to be established. who ere the mein driving force in the Hospital Worker, and provided a contributions needs to be increased mejority of delegates; thus the amendment was defeated.

The rest of the declaration with other amendments was eccepted and the conference went on to discuss areas where there is no overt rank how the information and policies presented to it could best be used. the many local causes for concern through HW, leaflats, end speakers A speaker from Hackney, where Hospital Worker first started as e local bulletin in the 1973 ancillary workers' strike to ovarcome the problems of a brench thet never met, said there were two thrusts to the campaign: DEMOCRACY in the the health service, important though it is in uniting and strengthening unions - the eccountability of

for improving these in the public

delegates and officials, making them already got. WE MUST BEGIN TO OPENLY subject to election and recall. ordinary workers and the community, bringing policy making back to rank PAY AND CONDITIONS — e programma for e militant campaign DON'T THINK FREE HEALTH

CARE IS A PRIORITY. A delegate from West London hospitals and supporter of the National Co-ordinating Committee against the cuts in the NHS put it in a netchell saving that hospital workers are by end large grouped around the TU movement and shop-stewards committees, not around this particular form of demand rather than that, this or that political group, but in general opposition to the cuts, for better living standards end working

strumles to defend what we have

We were at the conference, sent by our branches, to build a rank and file socielist opposition within the trade nion movement which would be capable of facing up to the bureau-

He called for local and regional under rank and file control to organise conferences to work out demends to meet the health needs of the community and the needs of haalth service workers, which could e co-ordinated by a national ence in the autumn.

Locked

into the health service was mentioned A.R.

Hospital Worker is a majo earlier, as wes the importance of weepon, the scaffolding to build finding out the plans of the health such a cempaign around.

surprising, since no prior warning was given so that alternative

nominations could be sought -

help to overcome any problems

The circulation, end range of

article. Places already taking action

- the address to send orders or

articles to is at the end of this

Breaking through the locked doors and closed files which contain hospital managements plans and ecounts is needed to have warning of attacks, and avidence of the inadequacy of their budgeting.

can bring to the surface and unite the them

and the community, is the goal. This won't happen overnight. The

DISCUSS WHY PRESENT SOCIETY
IS CONTROLLED BY PEOPLE WHO
8 Somali Road, London NW2 3RL Letters end articles for Hospital Worker should be sent to Mel Bartley, 18 Fifa Terrace, London N1 and money and orders to Hospital

Action

ere organising successive waaks of action and one day strikes.

and allow meetings where discussion will be more possible than at one big jamboree in London. The provide a focus for uniting all public sector workers and drawing in industrial workers.

activities, we won't see many results; the confidence end knowledge built

There is elso a danger that local activities will become isoleted. co-ordinated only through the NUPE bureeucrats and so incapable of mounting a reel challenge to wage control or the basic inadequacies of the NHS both in the service it provides and the lack of democracy

The idea of a Workers Enquiry

ST JAMES HOSPITAL, PORTSMOUTH. Extension under construction in 1975. Due to cuts this will not now be used.

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**Anarchist Worker has** role to play

laper. Wa feel that ANA RCHIST WORKER has an mportant role to play in discussing a public sector lliance, in pushing the ideas of self-management in

the self-organisation of women and black people.
We're also attampting a reappraisal of socialist
thought in the pages of the paper.
If you feel like supporting, then send us your
money, requests for papers to AWA, 13 Cottman
Street, HULL. At our last National Conference, in line with

At our last National Conference, in line with our development away from traditional enarchism t was decided to change the name of the organism or Libertarian Communist Group later in the year. This name would be reflected in the paper, which would be called LIBERTARIAN COMMUNICATION. ting with the issue after next.

In the next peper we will explain the name

The existing London-based editorial board was retified — (herdly

and an additional body (which should

We must however guard agains despair if wa find that an individua area hasn't enough money despite this simply strengthens the case for demending more resources from the

Another use of such information can link up with others. In the many is to show workers what the potential forms of provision are, compare these end file militency at present, with community needs and w publicising actions in other places and new ways of meeting them if necessary, and then draw up a WORKERS budget to provide for

many workers already worried so that they can begin to plen action. spanding, but a massive initial outlay, fought for end controlled by workers More than just a paper is needed to tackle the built-in inadequacies of

NCC-NHS have suggested e conference on November 12th; anyone interested in helping to organise this should contact the NCC-NHS

Worker, 78 Edith Grove, London SW10, phone 01-351 1540.

Up and down the country, NUPE

These will draw in more support,

up must be used to put on continuous

in its organisation

Each day that passes intensifies the need for the working class to win the battle at Grunwicks film processing factory. As we go to press, the strike is entering its 47th week. The Grunwick management, which has a long anti-trade union tradition, sacked over a 100 striking workers after they joined the union APEX.

carry on with this very expensiva dis-

Forte and elsewhera. UPW laadar

step of selective postel boycott.

The ultre-right hes chosen Grun-

'Soft'

Just as et British Home Stores, they take this that Len Murray mede Trust House Forte and Office Cleen- available TUC funds for APEX to ing Services, workers have seen how they must forever fight enew for rights that had been won over centurias of struggla.

But unlike these other disputes this year. Grunwicks has shocked the entire trade union movement through the involvament of the ultraright and the brutality of the police.

#### Neglect

The upper leyers of the trede union bureeucracy moved into the other TU leaders know what this issue from the start, en unusual avent, maens for them-there has not been There were two reesons for this. Firstly, renk and file outrage et the since the Industrial Relations Act sweatshop conditions end a determinetion to reverse the neglect by the TU movament of the plight of women and bleck workers. Secondly trede union leaders see this es e test of the Labour government. The Arbimejor blow against tha TU movetration. Concilliation and Advisory ment. The National Association For Service (ACAS) set up by Lebour has Freedom (so called) stanged in agric



Police arrest Vic Heath, UCATT convenor of Camden's Direct Labour department, on the first day of the mass picket, 200 of Camden's builders, enraged at his errest, joined him on the picket line leter in the week. Proto Andrew Wired (Report)

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been the mein force behind the Grunwick menagement, Wherees the government has forced the burden of the crisis on the working cless by 'soft" methods (the Sociel Contract) the ultre-right want to evan "herder" meesures engines the class. To this end thay ere out to smesh the unions.

NAFF hes shown its sincarity for freedom when it took out a court injunction against our LIPW comrades exarcising their right to support the strike, when they stopped the boycott of meil to thet glorious lend of freedom South Africa end through other countless court cases against trade unionists. Supported by freedom fighters like reactionary MPs Rhodes Boyson and Winston Churchhill, Brian Crozier, one-time maneger of e CIA front organisation, and Viscount de L'Isle, who daily axercises his freedom to exploit workers, NAFF is determined to defeat even e "moderate" T. Unionist lika Granthem,

#### **Vicious**

pute. Compere that with the total If the vicious ettacks upon the inection of the THC at Trust House Right To Work marchers and tha Tom Jackson took the unprecedented freme up of the Lewishern 24 had not tion to trede unionists that this proven the reactionary role of the Ward has gone beyond refusing to police force, then the behaviour of cooperete with ACAS. He is teking the police and the notorious Special ACAS to court for upholding the jus-Petrol Group et Grunwicks can leava tice of the workers casal Since the



#### **'PICKETS ON** RAMPAGE HORROR

(AN FYF WITNESS ACCOUNT BY OUR CORRESPONDENT JIM PARTIALL wetched the dispute at Grunwicks from my seat in Finch's Wine Bar. I was e witnes riplance caused by e small tightly-knit conspiracy of several thousend Trade

I saw e group of thues daliberately provoke our wonderful forces of lew and rder. One men started hitting his head equinst e policeman's truncheon, inciting others to join in. When our marvellous bobbies stood up to this, severel pickets went for the policemen's boots with their

The women were particularly ricious. Sevarel of them threw thair hair into policemen's hends, end when the polica tried to welk ewey the women lev on the ground end draggad themselves bahind the police.

Other pickets pulled police into their stomachs and wouldn't let go until they got e free ride in e black Marie.



Police force back pickets to ellow the scabs' bus to enter the factory are Special Patrol Group Trensits. Photo Andrew Werd (Report)

no shred of doubt. The 200 arrests. including e pesserby end a TV cameremen, end the injuries daelt show how the determined police chiefs are to make the force an efficient strike brasking unit.

500, the strikers' committee replied

After Jackson becked down from

the postal boycott, the London Dis-

trict Council of the UPW votad for the boycott to be restarted. Despite

son, that boycott continues.

threets from the Post Office end Jeck

The picket has been swelled by

dalagations from wide sections of the

working class wishing to show their

soliderity-miners, angineers, doc-

kers, squatters end women's groups

The strikers must be supported

more strongly than evar before, Get

your union branch to donate to the

by demanding that the picket be

stappad up.

It is clear from the enthusiesm of most of the cops that they have

workers show their reel strength, With united forces the working turned their backs on their own class Merlyn Raa's predictable support cless can bring Werd end his "herd" for the police methods is an indicaenti-working class supporters to their And with this experience of strug-Labour government is more concerned with keeping the police image ola and the confidence of victory respectable then supporting the most that the class has lacked since it besic right of workers After all who knows whan the Labour government will need a strike breaking force

brought the Tory government down. we may turn on the "soft" entiworking class forces in the government Let the slogen at the picket line

strikers fund. Battar still, get a dalega-

tion to the picket, Boycott all goods

The history of workers' struggles

show, as at Saltlay coka depot in

1972, thet peaceful end successful

pickats are only possible when the

to end from the factory.

be our watchword THE WORKERS, UNITED, WILL

NEVER BE DEFEATED!

Ken Hartwell

LIBERTARIAN COMMUNIST REVIEW recently employed by Viscount de Liberterian Communist Raview is

the theoratical journal of the AWA The second issue, out now, contains erticles on the role of the revolutionary

- trecing the dayelonment of

communist thought from primitive times. - a transletion from the French on

Bakunin, one of the founders of the anarchist movement, which ettempts to dispel meny misconceptions created by both his enemies and those who cleimed to be his

- and review We regard the eppearance of the Review as important for the development of libertarien

The LIBERTARIAN COMMUNIST REVIEW is not intended to be a magazine for mass-produced dogma. We intend to look at the history and theory of the enarchist end liberterier communist movement in e critical way. We hope to exemina the flaws end inadequacies in the writings of the most noted libertarian socielist thinkers, end we intend to conduct e critical reappraisal of Mary and Marxist thinkers, end of the theory and prayis of left communist and movements that run parallel with the enarchist movement.

Copies of the LCR ere eveilebla 20n + 7n from AWA, 13 Coltman St. Hull. Bulk orders walcome.

Movement Against A Monarchy ennounces the first three of a series of strickers to calebrate Jubilee year. Testefully designed (in red, white end blue in some cased), they are available for 1 p a sticker including postega — minimum order 25p. The stickers — e

minimum order 25p. The stickers — e convenient tonge-width size — ep produced on high-quality impregned gum poper, more, rether lists some of the lessest stickers. MA AM hopes to encourage and cata-lyse anni-bulble servives by groups around produced to the London sees. However, the con-gression of the stickers will be in-tably contined to the London sees. However, will get in touch order seed seed seed. Contact: MOVEMENT AGAINST A MONARCHY, Box "M", c/o 5 Caledonier

Rd., London N1. We say - Yes MAAM, No Me'em!

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-SPECIAL FEATURE

October 1977

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### As profits and shares rise, we demand:

THE SOCIAL Contract is dead but its corpse still stalks the trade union movement.

The most serious danger for the will pave the way for a massive defeat of the working class. The threat comes from what is

Phase III of the social contract in all but name-the 10% limit and the 12 month rule.
At the TUC congress in Blackpool

return to free collective bargaining to restore differentials. The ight-wing won, largely thanks

clearly going against a mandate from his own Netional Committee.

ignoring it—at Heinz, Nabisco, Wilson's Brewery and elsewhere

But there are hidden dangers in

movement as e whole, the dangers of

allowing divisions emong workers, in

particular for those with weaker

Contract

private employees.

worse otherwise. Both times they took the bosses side and blamed the crisis on the

workers: high wages eating into profits and raising prices and high

and so make their profits.

simply rejecting the rule without a

in September there were two tendencies. Men like Murray, Jones and Scenlon, who built the old social contract, argued successfully for the 12 month rule and the 10% limit. prepared to accept another year of Their opponents, led by men like Clive Jenkins, were really only united around one issue, the need to

organisation and between public and working cless.
We must fight for wages to be

by rises in food, fuel and rent.

The Social Contract was sold to the rank and file on the understanding that unemployment would be halted employed or not we all have the right and public services would not be cut. We must fight for e cut in the Instead unemployment has risen to

force the bosses to employ more

Despite this, the TUC bureaucrets were able to seel phase II on the argument that things would have been

> future erosions by fighting for ell these to be indexed against inflation

public expenditure draining invest-ment and ceusing inflation. Crisis n Anarchist Worker October 76, we rejected all such analyses.

We seid: "The crisis is not confined to Britain: It is worldwide.

"The falling rate of profit is a tendency built into the capitalist

for public workers "The capitalists own the machines and plants; they hire workers at a fraction of the value workers produce

"This stage is the crisis," The crisis is being paid for by the

Already many major companies

But the Leyland toolworkers, the Heathrow engineers and the rank and file of many unions like NUPE have mede it clear that thay are not

Scared of their own positions, the

Struggles over differentials and "special cases" do little to help or mobilise those sections with les-Already many workers have shown their contempt for the rule by fighting experience, or the lowest

What's more, they may well isolate such struggles and permit the bosses to alienate them from other workers.

#### Demands

What we must fight for are demands that will unite the entire

We must fight for e minimum

over 1.6 million, we've had more cuts than under the Tories and real wages

all workers that capitalism throws

Most of all we must protect against

#### Alliance

Neither will limited sectional struggles win back some of the

The public sector will be a major is more than a struggle for the quality of life for all the working

At the same time the workload

in the public sector. What we must fight for are joint The struggle in the public sector

value extracted from the worker is not large enough to invest in more machines and plents to keep up their

working class. like Parsons (which has sacked over 1,800 workers) ere announcing

TUC bureaucrats refused a new wage

brought up to 1973 levels, before inflation accelerated; wa are all hit

We must fight for real rises in pensions, disability payments etc. for

greatest losses we have suffered— cuts in social services. Jack Jones, Alex Kitson and Moss Evens confer at Blackpool TUC conference. Photo: Andrew Wiard (Report)

battle ground for the government. Just like the 1960's when Callaghan was treasurer, the govern-ment will tightly restrict pay rises

still increases es the cuts continue

This struggle will become harder with the new policy; more than ever before there is a need for an alliance committees uniting rank end file

workers from many workplaces. Already moves have been made n this direction by for axample CLASH (Committee of London Area

Stewards in the Health service) but Links must be built between all them and local trade unions and

Direct works departments must health workers with women groups,

Then we can begin to fight for a public service according to workers needs rather than capitalists' profits





### Big Flame and IMG propose new organisations

### Left unity initiatives

RECENT MONTHS have seen two important unity initiatives on the Far Left in Britain. These are healthy developments. They increase the possibility of joint action, and elso raise many important questions.

The International Marxist Group's paper Red Weekly has been enlarged end renamed Socialist Challenge. It now carries the by-line 'Build a Socialist Opposition. For a Unified Revolutionary Organisation.' It has reised issues for debete in the paper expanded the letters page, and sat Flore are also working for unity or the Left; they have opened their letters page to dabete and promised

contributions in their internal mailing. So far both groups seem to have pained some support for their proposals. The Revolutionary Marxist Current, a small non-sectorian grouping have decided to work with Big Flame for six months as a preliminary to joining them. The IMG seem to have attracted the interest of the Workers League

#### Why unity?

What are the reasons for these hope for unity with other sections of

advantages of unity, and the necessity to avoid sectarianism in what could militants are deterred from revolutionary socialism by the alienating sectarianism and 'absolute purity' of many left groups, and also by the

'The IMG does not believe that it has a monopoly of the truth. On the central political quastions we believe that we are, in general, correct, but we still have a lot to learn both from

a simple desire to be united. It ignores the important question. unity around what?

'Revolutionaries can only unite if they have a shared view of what they should be doing. This can issues. But they must have a common outlook on what is happening in society and how to build socialism. Such a commor today. We wish it did, but it doesn't we have to build it. The only way to do that is around unity in action If the left can successfully unite unity can be built from the botton " (R.M.C. in July issue of Big

Perhans not too much should be after all work well in some united front campaigns, such as the Socialist Teachers Alliance, whilst or course try to win support on the basis of their policies and programme

#### There are considerable basic

differences, and also similarities. between the politics of the two groups. Although the IMG stress the should not be confused by WRP, which are very authoritarian ideas and practice. Big Flame's attitude to Leninism is not quite so

Leninist model. But we are aware that ruling class and the working class are Furone No-one has come up with a power under advanced capitalism

that rather rarified theoretical level which I object to as alienating, are particular. I'll quote from a

solution of the United Secretariat of the Fourth International on Socialist Democracy and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat (phewl). This calls for amongst other things, 'regular rotation of elected officials: rastriction of their incomes

Critique of Trotskyism" refer to as "principled dogmatism". At its worst this is a complete refusal to integrate one's practice into one's theory, a real error of method. A crucial problem referred to in the article I've quoted is that of

is important and so is "theoretica

the latter can lead to a tendency to

what Big Fleme in their pamphlet

'The Revolution Unfinished?-A

to recall them at any time.' It says substitution of the party for the Revolutionary Marxists reject the substitutionist paternalistic and incorrect ideas about form and role from Merxism that sees the socialist belief that the "working class by itself can only gain Trades Union revolution, the conquest of state power, and the wielding of state power under the dictatorship of the proletariat as a task of the revolutionary party acting "in the name of" the class or, in the best of point to the capacity of the working We don't think you avoid subcases, "with the support of" the

in emphasis (I always thought it was a nasty "anarchist deviation" to want to have rotatable and instantly

mechanisms of the state.

class for revolutionary self-activity

itutionism simply by denouncing

The article also raises the whole

exist between revolutionaries and the

initiatives, but as yet there is no evidence for it. For the time being Big Flame stress the need for action as a basis for unity, their prepared-ness to reassess the relationship between the revolutionary organi class as a whole, and their realisatio that the struggles of women and other oppressed groups have their even with them there is, or saems to

#### these ideas and their views on the Debate

The A.W.A. is a libertarian communist group, but we are not organisations on the left, but also to campaigns provided that these are organised democratically, and have a clear minimum basis for participation We are active in several such campaigns at the moment, and will also be taking the opportunity to raise the question of a Public Sector Alliance in the left, since we see thi as important for the success of the strumple against the present attacks on working class living standards.

The initiatives are welcome sino answers to, a wide set of questions evolutionary organisation, now an democracy etc. Libertarian ideas not only can but should be raised around encourage the growth of joint action



'We are convinced that unless the far-left understand the fact that discussions are not a luxury, but a necessity in today's conditions, it will not be able to go very far. If it can grasp this fact and operate accordingly then the task of building a unified organisation will be

'Can we accomplish these tasks or our own? We doubt it. That is why such as Lotta Continua to explain we appeal both to other socialist groups in sympathy with our two opposition and building a unified organisation) to join with us and try and take the far-left forward." (Editorial-first issue of Socialist

has led Big Flame to stress that unity is also built through action, rather than by plous hopes. This criticism is most strongly made by the Revolutionary Marvist Current

The IMG has called for regroupment on the simple idea that revolutionary unity is "good", and that all revolutionaries should . But this is not anough. To us it

Challenge.)
This is the sort of statement that

conditions. We can learn from histor the backs of the workers" by refusi by refusion the inflated role given to

(Rig Flame-June 1977) Big Flame point to groups in Ital

their concept of the relationship of the revolutionary organisation to the mass movement. Socialist Challenge has recently been carrying a series articles which criticise the large and quite successful non-Trotskyist groupings in Italy, such as Lotta Continua, for lacking politics, a clea programme etc. Their alternative is of course the Fourth International section in Italy, which is tiny in to me to illuminate a real defect of try to solve them at a level which pertain rather limited layers of

However, some recent pronou



### **Squatters Union**

he days of the London Squatters deration in the early 70s. This rouping soon collapsed, due to tivity and the number of people volved who were opposed to all rms of meaningful organisation.

A small grouping that attempted o act as an all-London body, the iquatters Action Council, while

number of large scale squats, was not groups in London, in that few

delegates from those bodies aver attended SAC meetings. Now, however, with the Tories firmly ensconsed in the Greater London Council and the Criminal Trespass Act about to become law, a more determined line has been taken by many London squatters in the establishment of the London

to dissolve itself into the new organisation and tentative moves were made to discuss forms of organisation and a Squatters Charter to be adopted by the Union.

#### First meeting When the first meeting of the Union met on July 31st, just off the Tottenham Court Road, some draft

meeting, and a number of established local groupings were



was followed up in later years with

Presley himself on his first Sun

recordings reveals a remarkable

talent. "Those sides . . . catch a

world of risk, will, passion and

Unfortunately, Presley's

what they saw as a new market

In Charlie Gillett's words:

Gradually, but thoroughly

ne rock 'n' roll of 1956 were

self-composed songs; simple open

small number of instruments with

The establishment of the Lond-

However, to consolidate this, it

vital that strong local groups develor inside the LSU, and that these group

actively work with tenants and trad

union groups around the question

Squatting will become more

fraught with hazards over the naxt

few years, with the Criminal Tresp

Laws making it so much easier for

Nevertheless the housing crisis

councils etc to get evictions.

increase the numbers of people

The new laws won't prevent

squatting, they will only aggravate the chances of violent confrontation

between squatters and the police an

It will become necessary for ma

squats, i.e. a whole street or a block

No cure

Squatters Union is a big step forwa

for squatters.

squatting.

uniqueness was not to last.

natural nobility." Greil Marcus in

ELVIS PRESLEY made his first recording 'That's All Right Mame' in 1954 for Sun Records of Mamphis, backed with 'Blue Moon of Kentucky'. The first was a blue originally recorded by Arthur 'Big Boy' Crudup, the latter a cover o

the bluegrass song by Bill Monroe Young whites, attempting in an incoherent way to break away from "How rhythm and blues was plundered by white capitalism in the evolution of rock 'n roll has now wartime austerity and the dominance in the charts of people like Rosemary been put on record, although subsequent histories have failed to Clooney, identified heavily with Presley's songs. They seemed to celebrating freedom and the casting away of emphasise the injustice of this situation", Tony Cummings in Roots,

In many ways this analysis, widely One of Elvis's chief contributions accepted in certain circles, fails to understand the originality of Presley was his catalytic role in helping crystallise a volatile new culture, the and other white artists in evolving a outh culture, which demonstrates fusion of blues and country music from time to time young people's dissatisfaction with capitalist society
This rebellion is manifested

in the form of rockabilly and rock What the rise to fame of Presley through style, adopting a particular form of music, type of dress and shows is the deeply entrenched patterns of speech.
Only rarely does this youth racism throughout America, where enthusiasts of black music, like San Phillips, the owner of Sun, realised culture speak in an openly political way, though it can be that youth that it was necessary for a white

artist to perform black songs to plays an active role in the revolutionary upheavals of the last bring the whole range of rhythm and twenty years, in particular Hungary '56 and Franca '68. blues to a whita audience. There had always been a mutual exchange of styles between black and white musicians in the South, and The big record companies began to realise how they could exploit

thing that evar broke through racist That is until artists like Prosley were able to reveal the hidden

Black artists like Chuck Berry, Fats Domino, the Coasters etc., were able to march through the gap in the wall that Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Sill Haley had opened, and this

One of the encouraging aspects of the meeting was the unanimous feeling that a structured organisation had to be built, with membership, monthly payments, and elected officials. This shows a great development in that many of th people who were urging this, had several years before in the London Squatters Federation argued against all formal organisation.

#### Autonomy

Much of the afternoon meeting was taken up with a discussion over whether the Squatters Union should be open to anyone who agreed with the Squatters Charter or whether it should be limited to squatters, licensees and the homeless.

Certain members of SAC argued for the former. Two libertarian nmunists at the meeting, one a member of the AWA, then put forward a motion that the Squatters Union should limit membership to quatters, the homeless, licensees and

of flats to become the norm rathe short-term housing tenants. than isolated squats that can be They argued that the autonomous All this requires coordination an organisation of squatters was vital and that any move against this would organisation, and regular squat not only damage squatters' meetings to keep up communicat self-organisation, but the principle of

with local trades councils, union autonomy as applied in womens and branches and tenants association black groups.
They felt that those who wished A united front of these bodies of draw up alternative housing policie to support the Squatters Union, who to present to the local council, and were not themselves in one of the ston evictions of squatters and the

itting of empty houses.
The London Squatters Union ha membership with no voting rights After a number of motions being now the way is open to take up the voted on this concent was finally

axaphone, guitar, or piano worked out spontaneously in the studio. In their place, unlocalised voices, songs composed by people who didn't sing orchestras and choruses." (The Sound of the City)
And so Elvis, under his astute

manager Colonel Tom Parker, became a simile for everything that was most effete, plastic and

unspontaneous about nonular music. The bis businessmen, in their search for a quick buck, had torn the juts out of a music that had some ritality, some life, and which had been the product of young blacks and whites, in the cities like New York and Chicage and in the deer south farmlands of Tennessee.

Presley lived on to become a denizen of one of his songs-Heartbreak Hotel-lonely and isolated, and able only occasiona to break through the cocoon of blandness that had been woven H.N.



### What's in a name ...

IN THE last copy of Anarchist Worker we promised to explain fully why we were changing our name from AWA to Libertarian Communist Group.

Over the last few years, the AWA has been going through a number of

It developed out of traditional anarchism, and away from the "affinity groups" form of organ quaranteed the utmost democracy whilst being effective at the same

In England, unlike the continer archism has been plaqued with various forms of liberalism and

change in society was absent from

nany groups.
The AWA reaffirmed an allegiance working class ravolution

It saw that it was necessary to go wond theatrical rhetoric and the rumpeting of "revolution now! lution now!" to attempting to organise thoughtfully and effectively that that revolution could be

The AWA/LCG is still attempting to show ways in which the working class can mobilise around demands that will strengthen it and prepare or the taking of power as a class

This requires much work and

This process is not complete inside organisation, and we know we have a long way to go, but we hope and feel we can achieve greater political clarity. Our policies around nited front work and the public

ctor alliance are examples of this Along with other groups on the inent, who began to describe emselves as libertarian o we saw the way in which traditional archism had fossilised, had become vet another 'religion' like the other sified 'religions' of the left.

Traditional anarchism refused to ok at the modern world, developed ts own list of saints of whom it was athema to criticise in however mile

any discussion about the merits of aspects of other currents of socialism.

#### Half Marx

When we, and our comrades in urone began to talk about the need r a transitional period between the est day of the revolution and full nmunism, when we began to talk bout workers' power or an antiatist dictatorship of the proletariat,

we were attacked as 'authoritarians',

as 'Marxists'. And yes, we saw that Marx had great historic contributions to make the revolutionary movement, although we had our criticisms to make of the behaviour of Marx and his followers in the First Internation and the way in which the Marxists had quickly collapsed into reformism and social democracy (the history of German Marxism is a classic example).

Marxism became identified with social democracy, until Lenin and Luxemburg moved out of its orbit Yet we saw the need as Marx and lysis of the processes of capitalism

in the theory and practice of socialists outside the anarchist movement, like Luxemburg, Pannekoek, Korsch, and Does all this mean we are moving

away from a commitment to workers self-management, to direct action, to autonomous working class revolution? Are we becoming No. Our commitment to these

rinciples is just as strong. Whilst we see that on many occasions in history—the Russian revolution, the German revolution the Spanish revolution, the Jabou movement in France, Italy and Bulgaria, and the anti-fascist resistance there, anarchists and anarcho-synicalists were often the most devoted and courageous of their class, and were a source of

inspiration to many, we see too the

failures of syndicalism, in particular

We see the failure of anarchists to develop a satisfactory form of organisation to effectively combat

Where we do look in history is to ne actual moments of revolution when the class itself became a major actor on the stage of social struggle Hungary 56 and May 68 are prime

And we look to those groups who attampted to move forward. The isational Platform group of 1926. Camillo Berneri and the Friends of Durruti (Spain 1937), the Federation Communista Libertaire and the Gruppi Anarchici di Azi Proletaria (France and Italy, the 50s the Groupes Anarchistes d'Action Revolutionnaire around the journal

Noir et Rouge (1955–1968). The date is 1977. Capitalism has advanced and developed: we have gained a host of new experiences in

> We must move forward out of the mausoleums and cemeteries where the bleached hones of sectorianism

#### Links

We define ourselves as libertariar communists and we seek links with those abroad who share our perspectives in order to build an international.

Our approach to other groups will be open-ended, on the lines of principled discussion, feeling that a genuine affirmation of effective organisation, self-management of struggle and society are more important than labels.

The Liberation of the Working Class is The Task of the Working

Editorial Collective

LOW WAGES, primitive work anditions, an autocratic boss who pushes his workers around and doesn't like unions. Sounds familiar doesn't it? No, this isn't Grunwicks, but Radford Electronics, a small ginaaring firm in Bristol.

Pay there is very low, with ngineers taking home as little as £21 or £28 a week, and women earning 80 pence an hour before ucations. There are no fire alarms or extinguishers, and heatin tilation and safety are all bad.

The dispute blew up over the rights of engineers to go on day elease courses Arthur Radford the managing director, wouldn't pay the they spent there, and finally stopped

the workers going altogether.

then sacked two men. Now ten

He's going to have to be shown that he can't behave as he has in the past. Though the strikers have as yet failed to get the support of the wom workers, who understandably need the money, but support from the union and Bristol Trades Council has been good. Picketing, blacking and financial support will win this dispute

workers joined AUFW-TASS, Radford "Bristol Voice".

RRISTOL	RECOGNIT	ION DIS	PIITE

workers are out on strike. Radford obviously thinks he's still in control. He told strikers picketing the factory "I'm going to stop you boys from ever getting a good job . . . I've done
it before to other people that I didn't

workers' tuition fees or for the time (ALIEW TASS full-timer) Room 5

-ANARCHIST WORKER October 1977

### The Lessons of Lewisham

AT LEWISHAM on Aug 13th and at Ladywood in Birmingham on Aug 15th, two anti-fascist confrontations occurred which, because of their size and militancy, mark a step forward in the campaign against Fascism in this country.

Lewisham was a defeat for the National Front. Their provocative anti-muggers' march through an area of South London with a high immigrant population was small, probably less than a thousand, on what was supposed for them to be a national mobilisation, and came under heavy attack throughout.

When the police charged and led the march onto New Cross Road the NF were met with a barrage of bricks, bottles and smoke-bombs. Their march was split and some of their banners grabbed and burnt. They dispersed near Lewisham Station, having only gone half the distance they had planned to, and most of that down side-roads. At Ladywood the NF succeeded

in holding their by-election meeting but were severely harassed by anti-

#### Violence

Both of these events were confrontations on the grand scale, and have gained a great deal of distorting publicity from the media exaggerated, as usual, and the numb of the demonstrators hurt was minimised.

Both events were very violent and the majority of the violence occurred between demonstrators and police. We must be clear that the responsibility for the violence rests with the police.

At Lewisham the police allowed

the NF to march, and insisted on clearing New Cross Rd for them to use with a charge of mounted police, when of course they could have dispersed the NF or led them by another route. In Lewisham High Street they issued riot shields and attacked the rioters in order to show that they were in charge. If they only wanted to disperse the antifascists, they could have told them that by then the NF had already

given up and gone home.

As long as the police protect the right of Fascists and racists to express their views there will be confrontations. We know that Nazi movements must be smashed before they can gain a foothold. We know that for every successful racist demonstration many immigrants and Trades Unionists will suffer physical to racist abuse and frequently



Riot shields, developed N. Ireland, are used for the first time on mainland UK streets. Photo: Andrew Wiard (Report)

attacks. We cannot allow the NF to physical violence.

The most surprising thing about the confrontations was the militancy the confrontations was the militancy of the black youth. In both Lewisham which resulted in the arrest of 21 and Ladywood it was they who in the main were prepared to take on obvious. Blacks in this country are discriminated against, Many are unemployed. Many black youths have no future except the dole queue. In South London, Birmingqueue. In South London, Birming-ham and elsewhere they are subjected at the police.

Mounted police attempt to force e way through enti-fescist demonstrators at Lewishem. They ware forced to retreat. Photo Andrew Ward (Report)

notorious conspiracy laws.

groups organise together against Fascism.

Above all, we've got to face up to

the challenge that the militancy of the young blacks presents to the Left. We shouldn't try to co-opt them into we shouldn't be uncritical of the blacks' lack of political awareness either. The first step to solve this will be to work with blacks against racism, without ignoring the need for their self-organisation, Co-option is one thing, co-operation another.

#### Police

Tactically, we need to be prepared to be faced by an increasingly highly-trained police force using increasingly sophisticated technology of repression riot-shields may be only the first piece Ireland to be given to our police force We need to examine the problems raised by the escalation of the conflict the use of riot-shields, police horses,

In the near future, on Oct 8th, the NF are holding a march and meeting in Tameside, Tameside Anti-Fascist Committee are calling for a mass counter-demonstration. Help build for this now. Create a mass anti-fascis

Dave Higgins.

"What do you think of a secret society of foreignars persecuting Germans? Large masses of people can be brought into deep identification with one smother or any identification with one smother or any similar change and if someone steps forward and saves them . . . If only we had have a many at the animy at the addition that all the difficult task to find such an it is difficult task to find such an increase of the contraction. HOUSING FOR WHITES erromy, ame no must be not present yet credible.

I recommend that we nominate the Jews to be this enemy, in Garmany there exist 600,000 of them against 60,000,000. That is a good ratio."—Segfried Barnfield, psychosnalyst and socielist, 1925.

MAKE GRITAIN ANE



#### Blacks

are constantly haressed by the police. The struggle in Lewisham is largely due to controversy between Faccists due to controversy between Fascists got to avoid the kind of mistake the and their opponents over the midnight Communist Party makes, and not West Indian youths under the

the police and to throw missiles. The reasons for this militancy are fairly and Ladywood was the naked hatred of the police by the blacks. The events of this year's Notting Hill Carnival show that there is a rising tide of frustration among the blacks,

end up tailing behind some loose liberal of left vicars! We will work with people, but on the basis of a clear political agreement.
An encouraging facet of the Lewisham event, which I attended.

was the presence of groups such as Women Against Racism and Fascism, gay groups and even a sizeable Anarchist contingent! Such militants should not be ignored by the more 'orthodox' sections of the Left when

Take the case of Judge Gwyn Morris: On sentencing black youths in South condon in May he said, "Within living memory these enals were passful safe

CONDITIONS in Britain are very

similar today to those in Germany fifty years ago. Rising prices,

industrial stagnation, unemployment

and increasing misery for the mass o

people.

A fragmented, week and confused working class lost all feith in the promises of German politiciens.

Except for one — Adolf Hitler, who turned Bernfeld's speculation into reality.

There are 1.5 million backs in a total projection of \$50 million.

On way they been done this a to distribute the control of t

back; only the reporting of mogging increased.

In fact, all the figures used by Powell and other recitis are based on the figures.

This is true of all the other areas; of crime that blacks are blamed for. Since police harass black; people averyday—note that make pricked up on taspicion—note that much pricked up on off blacks; and the proposition of blacks; are showed, or a high proportion of blacks; are stated on a fine property of the prop

exaggerated by the newspapers carefully

axagareted by the navapapers carefully selecting senational nava. No one can deny that some blacks commit crime. Given that there is higher unemployment and more low paid jobs emongst blacks then whites.

But this a long way off from saying that blacks are the main criminals. Yat some people in authority have said just

Justice?

Scapegoat Today, sections of the British asteblishment are creating a "common sinister danger" – the blacks. There are 1.5 million blacks in a total

people.

Victims of police attack at Nottine Hill

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# **Blacks** against the

重

ival. Photo: Andrew Ward (Raport)

groups.
Within a week Judge Gwyn Morris was presiding over a case in which threa whitas had assaulted and injured three blacks. Two ware given suspended sentences whila tha third was given a mera three

ears.

Did the learned judge advise blacks to

You bet he didn't.

As the crisis deepens, blacks will be singled out more and more in the attempt. singlid out more and more in the attampt to create the common shinter danger.

The result will be, as it was in Garmany, to divert the attention ewey from the true criss end to raise tha sort of hysteria among the working class that will make it easy prey for the tactics of the facilists.

Black and white must units to fight

this racism togather.

More fundamentally they must fight

The small but growing resistance to the

Kan Hartwall

### Anarchist Worker talks bosse and worker! to anti-racist militant

THE ANTI-FASCIST and antiracist activities that usually get reported in the Left press are counter-demos against the National Front. Anti-fascist work also involves more than

Anarchist Worker: Do you think countar-demos are of any use? Keith Harris: The proof of the puddic Left on such issues? pudding is in the eating. Fewer N.F. turned up than we had expected on April 23. It is vital that Fascists are not allowed to openly provoke

A counter-demo is one way for the working-class, black and white, such provocation.

emonstration against racism", as the Trades Council did at Stechford over a mile away from the racists!

into the areas of Stechford where the not a failure of races to intagrate, but

interested in making fina yote-winne In fact the Labour Council has a

racist housing policy and has recently white-washed a report which Act. only proved what Black youth have

Anarchist Worker spoke to Keith Harris, a member of Haringey Campaign Against Racism, one of the groups that originally set up the 23 April

harass black youth.

Do you not balieve in unity of the

Being Left is not what you call yourself, it's what you do. The people who call for most unity on the laft are usually those who either do fuckall or what they do is so much of a compromise to the right that they have to cover themselves by calling the others, who take the workingclass line, splitters,

There are real dangers in Popular Fronts, that is, an alliance of working nocratic and liberal politics First, such people ara not usually

ommitted to stopping the Front, and necessary to combat the specific may if they are stewards try and Second, they'll barrage you with

such platitudes as "we can all live together", "one race-the human raca" etc. Working-class politics is quite claar on this point-racism is a product of capitalism. The nationstate exists to look after the interests The next step must be for local of national capitalists. In a crisis, the committaes to form a national capitalists see a national solution. Fascism is one such solution, a

very axtrama one. But another axample is precisely what the Labour controls, can only be fought

Working-class militants must known all along, that Haringey police clearly state: Thera is no single human activities.

All anti-fascists with a working-class perspective, that is to say, who see itself, must organise together. Such a united front would consist of revolutionary socialists and laft social democrats from many political

It would be united on specific objectives. I see three such objectives First, no platform for racists and

fascists. This covers for example. counter-demos and actions agains local racist newspapers.

Secondly, an attack upon racism in the state institution. The most glaring example of this

suggests that it is the numbers of immigrants that cause problems such as unemployment, bad housing, etc. whereas in fact it is the capitalist crisis that is the cause. These racist laws must be challenged.

Thirdly, black self-organisation class politics with wishy-washy social must be encouraged, and supported by the white working-class. An autonomous black movement is

This will range from defence against fascist and police harassment to challenging discrimination in unions and the like.

So you see, anti-racism is far more than just Front bashing.

What do you see as the next stap local struggles need widar support, and some issues, such as immigration

that introduced the 1967 Immigration Furthermore, a nation federation would be better equipped to investi-gata, expose and fight fascist

#### **'HOWLING MOB ATTACK POLICE'**

From my seat in Finch's wine ber I looked down upon the most violent scenes yet as rantino left-wing rentamol

extremists clashed with police The trouble started when rentamob leftwing ranting extremists charged at the police who were ascorting a peaceful damonstration.

The extreme leftwing ranting rentamob showed its utter disregard for democracy by attempting to prevent every Briton's right to incite racism

and organisa a fascist state. They hurled concrete slabs. corrugated iron and ten-ton lorries at police after the Front

400 people were injured, 500 of them police Over 2 000 arrests were made.

Animal grunts and cries were heard from the ranting rentamob extreme left-wingers and trade unionists as they moved toward Ladywood, where not a single building was left standing after another night of violance

Later on, there were calls throughout Lewisham and Finch's wine bar that this sort of violence should not be allowed to hannen again.

Indeed there was a call for tougher measures to deal with those who challenge law and ordar, endorsing the slogans of the National Front



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### DISSECTING THE CNT **Upsurge in Spain**

THE revival of the Confederacion in Asturie, Proudhonian tendencies Nacional de Trabajo (legalised the 4th of May-40,000 strong at that time) is indicative not only of the strength of the libertarian movement in Spain but also of a real new non-party, non-aligned movement in favour of workers self-organisation.

The CNT gains credibility through its practice of supporting struggles unconditionally and with no strings attached, and through its call for the destruction of the Françoist union structure, its refusal to include in class collaboration and its proposals for workers self-organisation at grass roots level.

It is becoming the main opposition to reformism and the spearhead of the anti-capitalist

struggle. From what was seen at meetings in Barcelona the CNT has a large percentage of young militants (20-30 years old) a great number of whom are women, which gives it a perticular outlook-not altogether without problems.

At the moment en important discussion is going on in the CNT a regional level.

This has not affected the growing support of workers but will no doubt. acute.

In the main there are 3 tendencies 1) The Anarchists-made up of the Federacion Anarquista Iberica (traditional anarchists, Frente Libertario, a more radical group around an exile paper of the same name in France, anarcho-syndicalists and the tendency which has grown out of the ideas of 1968 in France, generally anti-syndicalist and alklorique'

tendency for workers autonomy in

general.
3) The reformist syndicalists. In Catalonia for exemple antagonism had reached such a point that an extraordinary general meeting was convened and the general secretary and the regional committee resigned, forcing re-elections. Nevertheless, the ever-growing Catalan CNT is the most important in Spain. In the Basque country

boration with the local union (LAB) and some separatists could give the Euskadi CNT a short life. In the regional developments can

be found ideological tendencies which illustrate the complexity of the Spanish situation even within the In Central Spain the dominant tendencies are EAlist and syndicalist

in Andalucia, libertarian communist and council communist: while in entered the union. In fact there are people from all

the Communist and Socialist Parties, and the Trotskyist LCR, ex-phalangists, christians, council communists, which creetes enormous problems and an atmosphere of

A libertarian communist said on this "The fact is, that despite its growth, the CNT has not yet got a big working class base, it has not yet defined an alternative trade union strategy, to the establishment or to the left. It is in this context that we are struggling for a CNT that is able demands of the workers. For this it must overcome the immediate problem, that the militants fight more on an organisational level than on base level, where spontaneous demands need the support of a classbased organisation which will deal with them as they stand without embroiling them in the infighting of

The Spanish situation shows up that a union organisation that is a real weapon of struggle, but in a wider form then in the anarcho-syndicalist tradition from which it has sprung

The CNT must be independent of all the political tendencies, libertarian included, end must be open to all groupings of autonomous workers. The anarchists must have their own specific organisation, as well as the

young libertarians. In Spain, the libertarias the sense that thay believe that the CNT is the only mass grannisation self-organisation is concerned, and that it would be crazy to create

another organisation.
They work within the CNT in context, to oppose bourgeois and to promote the discussion on all

was involved in. Unfortunately, Peirats has not However, the Mavimento Communista Libertario dissolved

reconstituting itself, realising the need for a nationally coordinate organisation which can act effectively ooth inside the CNT and within the broader social and political struggle. The launching of a national paper will, it is hoped, widen the debate within the CNT nformation from Front Libertaire, the paper of the Organisation

### THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE



CNT meeting at San Sebestian: 25,000 people. Photo: Front Library

#### IN BRIEF

ranch president Giscard d'Estaing gave his Cabinet before their holidays this summar - don't wear swimming trunks while the photographers are around. he reason—the French people are undergoing a pariod of severe belt-tightening, as workers living standards are

slashed to pay for the crisis of Siscard was worried that if the bulging waistlines of some of his ministers were exposed to public view, it could cause unrest.

ander of the cabinet fatties is Economy Minister Raymond Barre. His other main claim to fame is as author of the austerity programme, known as the Barre Plan 's obviously bean having e

swell time while forcing workers to cut back on essentials

### **Peirats and the past**

Army itself used guarille warfare and the Vietnamese and the Palestinians

are still using it. Guerilla organisati

could have saved the North from

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war of fronts led the CNT into the

Peirats attempts to make excuses

for the failure of the CNT and the

anarchist organisation, the Federacie

Anarquista Iberica, by pointing to

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absolve the CNT-FAI leadership in

their collaboration with the govern-

working class in Barcelona (see last

gift that we made to Franco.

Excuses

Jose Peirats, Black and Red Paperback, 400n, £2.95.

Jose Peirats was an active member of the Confederacion Nacional del rabajo, the anarcho-syndicalist union and by developing supply systems for such activities and training select llegience of masses of workers. For troops as guarillas. With its tortuous geography Spain is a good terrain for

ome years he was Secretary General of the CNT in exite. f the CNT in exile.

Guerilla warfare, and a well organise.

This book printed for the first time guerilla force would have defeated. the literature of the Spenish.

It gives in some detail the growth of the Spanish libertarian movemen from the last decades of the 19th century up to the Civil War and Revolution. It chronicles the various mportant labour disputes the CNT

mire of political collaboration and to learnt enough from his own give up our past without any kind of experience and that of the CNT as a recompense, since the more we whole during the Spanish Revolution surrendered as we collaborated, the more was demanded of us."

#### Guerrillas He has learnt some things however

nd at times he is able to see things

stitutionalisation of the war into "The Spanish Aparchiese suffered

om an excessively urban orienta was very important, especially the in their revolutionary or rather ongoing tasks of collectivisation (see Sam Dolgoff, The Anarchist surrectionary, plans, If the Collectives, Gaston Leval, Collective in the Spanish Revolution). It does

means that the Friends of Durne villages were written off. We never called for the extension of the revolution and the seizure of powe thought that we would have to prepare for civil war by organising by the working class. support bases for guerilla actions in the countryside and the mountains,

#### Honesty

Peirats is honest enough in his detailed accounts of the divisions in the CNT, between the more reformist' elements and the principled revolutionaries of the

Madrid and Catalonia.

He is critical of the way in which democracy began to disappear inside he stands in the centre, halfway between the collaborationists and those who wanted to deepen the revolution, he is unable to come up with any satisfactory explanations

of the course of events.

Peirats is able to see that the CNT and the FAI went in for far too simplistic propaganda to the masses. "Anarchism is largely responsible for its own bad reputation in the world. It did not consider the In their writings, many anarchists to the problem of revolution. We fell easily into the trap in Spain. We helieved that "once the dog is dead the rabies is over". We proclaimed a full-blown revolution without worrying about the many complex problems that a revolution brings

#### Renaissance Hopefully now that the Spanish

with a vengeance the mistakes of the past can be learnt from.

Peirats was able to prophesy the renaissance of libertarian socialism (he wrote a postscript in 1976) and

"A promising new stage is opening up to anarchism in Spain. The old militants, still ready for the struggle are contemplating former successes and failures: the young, having recently entered the arena, are supplementing inexperience with superior intellectual preparation. The Iberian Peninsula may herald an anarchist renaissance in Europe and

#### **PICKET PROTEST OVER BULGARIAN ANARCHISTS**

ON THE weekend of Sept 10th and 11th two pickets were held in London to protest against the maltreatment of anarchists in Bulgaria. The picket on Saturday wes held outside the offices of the Bulgarian Tourist Board in Regent St, the one on Sunday outside the Bulgarian Embassy near Gloucester

> Bulgaria is one of the most Stalinist of the states of Eastern Europe. Its foreign policy is totally subservient to the Kremlin, and there is very little internal democracy. This state of affairs has existed ever since the Red Army moved in at the end of the Second World War. They took over the workers councils end soldiers militias which the Bulgarians attacking the regime. More recently, had formed in their struggle against dissidents have been arrested for

the fascist clique which had led them distributing copies of the into war on the side of Germany. Stelin's Red Army ushered in the government of the Fatherland Front. This government suppressed all the opposition currents which had briefly flourished in the struggle against the country's old fescist leaders. Since the war the politicel history

of Bulgaria is one of unswerving allegiance to the Kremlin, and the continued persecution of dissidents Christo Koley a leading militant

of the Bulgarian Anarcho-Communist Movement, has spent 11 years in gaol for his attacks on the bureaucracy and his anarchist beliefs. A group of libertarian students were imprisoned in 1969 for distributing a pamphlet

Czechoslovek Charter 77 The pickets were organised by the Social Revolution group, and attended by members of most libertarian groups i.e. Solidarity Social Revolution, AWA and 'Provisional' AWA

It was a pity that Social Revolution did not seek the support of anyone beyond the confines of the 'libertarian' left, and also that this seems to have been a one-off intend the nickets to be "part of an world-wide." If you're interested, contact T. Liddle, 83 Gregory

Sell-outs Furthermore, Peirats attempts to play down the role of the libertarian communist opposition to the sell

outs (Camillo Berneri, the Libertar Youth, Friends of Durruti). The last group Peirats dismisses with the comment that it never had "the importance ascribed to it by some foreign historians. The relative unimportance of its members (what does this mean, that they weren't part of the 'leedership'?), POUM participation, end the Marxist flavou

of some of its communiques all served to dilute the real influence of the Friends of Durruti' By 'Marxist' languege, Peirats

#### Pre-packed

As an anarchist I have been interested in the AWA for some time now and agree that it is necessary for meetings and say "organise yourselves, with other militents on important organise yourselves". The point is issues wa agree on, and have myse the anarchist movement to get itself organised end felt as a presence in the people don't believe they can. This is been a member of the Nalgo Action labour movement . . . but organisation why hiererchies can exist. for whet and how? The AWA heve taken a lead but the (ill-informed) impression I have is one of the AWA in action being similar to the myriad

control. Out of the control of its of trotskyist and Maoist vanguards. leadership-but with purges and splits The similerities between Anarchist and divisions the leadership regained Worker and Socialist Worker are control to create the SWP we see obvious, but although I sometimes Can the AWA become the IS of feel the headlines are "authoritarian" (telling me what to do), the content 72-73? If so, will the same thing of Anarchist Worker is more in line

with my views and infinitely better argued and freer of dogma. However, it is the approach of the AWA that I find odd, Besically, it fells within the limitations of "competitive politics". In a way

perhaps this is unavoidable as the AWA is competing with other competitive groups-WRP, SWP, IMG CP atc and is the only apare group to do this. It is much to the groups' credit I haven't seen an "Anarchist Worker says:" poster

vet. But let's not forget the effect of acceptance of this bourgeois notion of politics. To someone attracted to the left the situation is like going to the supermarket to purchase (join) the organisation with the ideology your choice. No real opportunity of real decision making besed on experience-which may change with further collective experience, Pick your pre-packed ideology and set of nolicies. Above all don't think, don't question, seel the party paper and or

no account shalt thou enjoy thyself. So what am I trying to say Basically, I feel there is a need for a libertarian organisation committed to mass politics. An organisation where decisions ere made not on the floor

throwing on the hus animhere where people come together. An organisation whose main commitmen is to mass democracy, which sees people more important than conference motions. An organisation whose paper will put different, often contradictory, points of view across

organisation which says "well 70 (or even 1% million) members of the vorking class came together and they thought . . . " And most importantly en organisation which by its practice will overcome peoples conditioning into passivity. How many times have I seen enerchists get up at public My impression was that around

issues we agree on, and have myself Group until quite recently, I think we need to take a much firmer stand 72-73-74 IS was approaching such an organisation. An organisation out of and the role of NA LGO and trade ions in general, than len suggests. To concentrate on trying to

a member of NALGO working for

local government, I should like to

Whilst I'm all for co-postation

n the July Anarchist Worker.

omment briefly on Ian Sutherland's

activity is not wrong in itself, so long assisted by the Labour Perty as this doesn't meen ignoring the established union structures. We should certainly organise and ettend union general meetings and devolve way encourage the belief that even

#### which rather than have specific policy Don't rely on TUS decision making on important issues is a ferment of radical ideas. An "Don't rely on TUS decision making on important issues is a ferment of radical ideas. An "Improvements would be gained by affiliation. Because NAL

wherever possible. But this won't As e libertarien communist who's automatically involve greater militancy or more radical policies. It will only provide openings for us to argue our case 'face to face' with a article 'What's Wrong With NALGO?' larger number of our fellow workers.

We must firmly reject the idea. however, that the trade unions will ever be transformed into fighting instruments of our class for liberation, exposed for the holshevik rubbish it It's time we faced up to the face that is. We shouldn't allow ourselves to they ere irretrievably integrated into be 'bleckmailed' by leftists in the the system. Whilst militant action may sometimes start off within the trade union base, it can only develop by going outside and beyond them. The process of trade union

levelop 'unofficial' organisation and integration has of course been greatly shadow of leftism for fear of being connection. Whilst not taking up a the Labour Party, we should in no

gained by affiliation. Because NALG® NALGO hes been slow on the uptake as far as the Lebour Party and 'genuine trade unionism' is concerned it doesn't mean that local government workers must go through ell the 'stages' which other workers have moving away from That kind of union into supporting, or even ecquiessing in their manneuvres.

We have our own independent political approach, and it's about time we stopped hiding it in the identified with the 'right wing'. In fact it is vitally important that we nosition of 'defending' NALGO from state loudly and publicly that there is e third alternative to the treditional left/right dogfight.

Mike Ballard, Social Revolution

#### THE REVOLUTION CONTAINED

Portugal: The Impossible Revolution, By Phil Mailer, Solidarity paperback, 399pp. £2.25. while the Leninists ere pilloried for "I shall never forget the First of May. The noise, the noise, the noise their activities, nowhere is an effective way shown in which is still ringing in my ears. The horns tooting in joy, the shouting,

eonle demonstrating in a city of a Ilion? Or the effect of carnations everywhere, in the barrels of rifles, n every tank and every car, in the ands of troops and demonstrators alike? It is the climax of a week of nectic, fast moving events.

Working people have left an ndelible merk on the situation. The call is for socialism and

Portugal-The Impossible Revolution is outstanding as e blow by blow evewitness account of the

hopes and aspirations of the peasants "power hungry professional

ary change, moments when one is

really alive. Where it fails is exactly where it has been most successful. The on the class

the slogans, the singing and dancing. The doors of revolution seem and act to strengthen the autonomous open again, after forty-eight years of repression.

In that single day everything was placed in perspective. . .

deeply analysing the forces at work in the Portuguese revolution. It only succeeds in this respect where it discusses the difficulties faced by workers and peasants in running cooperatives, in attempting to put self-management into operation. While it gives acknowledgement

to the activity of the revolutionary parties and organisations, and while nasses of ordinary people have been it clearly illustrates the counter-nvolved in making it." leaderships, its explanations for the failure of the left groups never

Thus we get an impression of living through a period of revolution- that these emotive words are nowhere neer an adequete analysis of why and elected for one year end usually

The book scores where it is able capitalism" to quote the introto strongly evoke the exhilaration of duction, when it has to be realised how Leninist groups tend to

What is most disturbing is tha

workers movement. The womens movement and the oppression of women in a thoroughly How can words describe 600,000 spot style of writing is inadequate in mele-dominated macho country is only lightly touched upon, too, and one feels that more spece could be given to this.

All this sounds harsh criticism. However, we will get nowhere unless we analyse and criticise in a rigorous fashion anything coming from the revolutionary movement.

Only in this way can we move towards effective theory and practice. I will repeat that the book is very valuable indeed in laying out how Communist Party and Socialist Party workers and peasants organised. As such it should be read by every militent and socialist

> assemblies were created, which elected workers committees or commissions to draw up lists of demands and in some cases to run

These committees were usually subject to recall.

substitute themselves for the working There were problems here, the

the mass of workers leaving things up problems of more articulete workers

tending to dominate meetings. There were the problems of the better-paid workers putting up resistance to narrowing wage scales. The committees were unable to

move beyond immediate problem Few telked about how to change the nature of work, now to produce socially useful products rather than what they were producing at the moment and common ownership was rarely raised, although it was discussed in the background.

Above all, the committees were

rarely able to effectively federate nationally, let alone regionelly or inside a firm

Where it did happen, in Inter Impresas, where 24 firms, some of the largest in Portugal were federeted delegates from different left and revolutionary left groups tended to manipulate the meetings.

Many committees stopped sending delegates to general meetings es a

Yet the achievements of the Portuguese workers in the factories and on the land, were impressive, in spite of many years of fascism in spite of widespread illiteracy, in spit of the virtual embargo exercised by foreign capitalists.

The problem of revolution in one country were painfully illustreted. Now we must learn the lessons of

the Portuguese revolution, the better to strengthen revolutions around the

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The form our organization takes is a resiliation of libertarian situation. We recomise that it is not a social model of a free society and must itself develop in interaction wit it by the developing libertarion of society. Organization of the properties of the developing libertain on the commentation of the president of the developing libertain of th

organisation.

[2] Membership is open to those who egree with our analysis of society and its transformation, and who work towards thus end. society and its transformetion, and who work towards thus end. [3] The main policy making body will be the Netional Conference. Between Netional Conferences there will be held bi-monthly Delle gets Conferences to co-ordinate and carry olst Netional Conference decisions, to decide Interim Delegates are mandateble and roteted. Delegate Conference decision can be revoked by Netional Conference. We seek to esteblish AWA

As egreed et the Nationel Conference in London 31 August — 1 September 1974.

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A YEAR has now passed since the workers at Grunwicks first struck against their reactionary, anti-union employer, George Ward, over conditions and the issue of union recognition.

The struggle continues, though since the decline in the size and combativeness of the daily picket the bourgeois press have been paying the affair much less attention.

No poor suffering members of the Special Patrol Group to present as victims, so less coverage, perhaps?

The Government's plan to defuse for their support. All supplies and the situation by its use of Lord Justice services to the factory will have to be Scarman's 'Court of Enquiry' seems to shut off, and mass picketing used to be at the end of its usefulness. Contrary to what some of avan the Left press has said, the report only came out very indirectly in favour of tha strikers.

#### Report

The report condemns mass picketing, and points the way for the Government to tighten up the law on

It recommends re-instatement, and if that's 'not possible', compensation for the strikers. In effect Scarman has approved of Ward taking on scab labour to replace the strikers, and said that the scabs' jobs now heve a higher priority than those of the workers they were brought in to replace.

Even though the report says that Union representation at the factory would be 'a good thing', it at no point makes any clear recommend-

Of course, the Court of Enquiry was a Government manoeuvre from the start. It has no power to enforce its report. Ward has said in the past that he would rather close the fectory than take any of the strikers back. He wages and working in dreadful and his advisers from the 'Naw Right', the National Association For Freedom, have said that they won't be bound by the decisions of the Court of Enquiry, but only by the Law Courts, and it looks as if the legal battle between Ward and the Government's Advisory, Conciliati and Arbitration Service will go to the union is an essential help, and House of Lords and take ages.

#### Militant

The

tyranny

Jo Freeman

Of course the militant Strike mmittee and the union involved APEY want a consedu and so she dispute. If Ward refuses to accept the Scarman report, or refuses to nego tiate at all, then all the resources of the labour movement will have to be mobilised. The Trades Union Congress will be told of the situation and asked Billy Williams.

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close the factory. However things probably won't

be as simple as that. The strika committee are more militant than the Union, as you'd expect, and are not so prepared to be sidetracked into meaningless negotiations. It is their directions as to how to carry tha dispute forward that we should pay attention to, not those of the APEX bureaucracy.

Ward has not got the support of most capitalists, who prefer less explosive labour relations. If he wins this dispute it'll give a great boost to the Right throughout the country. Indeed, evan if he loses, ona thing that will have come out of the disp is the apparent ease with which scab labour can be recruited, from among the same layer of people as make up the majority of the strikers.

#### Victory

If we win this strike it'll open up the way forward for those very same layers of workers. The majority of the Grunwick strikers are Asian women who are getting dreadful conditions. Many workers in similar situations will take heart from their example, Of course, we're not uncritica

of Trades Unions, because of thair reformism and lack of democracy but anyone looking at Grunwicks can see that in such a situation a unionisation is a progressive deman Supporters of Anarchist Worker

are urged to do all they can to help win this dispute. Raise the issue in your union, send donations to the strike committee, above all if you c join the picket and any mass action that may occur. Let's make the slogan a reality:

THE WORKERS, UNITED, WILL



### The shape of things to come?

**Attacks** 

Essentially tha Tories have moved

to the right since the days of Heath

Relations Act in 1971 and the

though Thatcher is definitely

state, to fighting for the

Miners Strika in 1974. However,

committed to the idea of the strong

cultural and social ideas, she may

SIR Keith Joseph, millionaire reactionary Tory politicien, recently members and their groups. caused rather a furore by condemning the Scarman Report on the Grunwick

by even the reacionary press was the unions?"

fairly soon made it clear that the official Shadow Cabinet line was less overtly anti-union, and that Sir Maggie Thatcher is pretty reactional even for the Tory party, the most right-wing leader they've had for years, and she regards Sir Keith as a

#### Election

We've got to worry about such things because it's a very real possibility that the Tories will win some kind of minor economic covery in the next six months of so, and even if the benefits of that are passed on quickly to the voters in tax concessions etc., it's difficult to see Labour voters turning out in vast numbers to re-elect the most consistently anti-working class

So, whay kind of Tory We know that Robert Moss a leading light of the NAFF has writte speeches for her and that she has

had social contacts with NAFF have learnt some of the lessons of Heath's period in power

We know that the ideas of such Joseph in his remarks was just The question immediately esked keeping his supporters aware of his existence, and undoubtedly he does

"Does he speak for the Tory party, appeal to the sort of people who are they ell set for another clash with read the Daily Mail or Express, the reactionary petit-bourgeoisie. Well, a speech by James Prior, Shadow Employment Minister,

kind of guru figure.

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#### COMMUNITY **PAPERS**

I think that she will keep Sir

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Keith and co. under control certainly

ministries such as Employment when

in power. Nevertheless we must be prepared

working-class living standards if tha

Tory government would almost

certainly leunch an attack on the

'social wage' i.a. the provision of

must be ready to fight. Sir Keith

struggle in a year's time.

Joseph's support for George Ward is only one hint of the kind of

conditions that might prevail in the

such things as education, housing

health care atc..
A Tory government is by no

means a certainty, but if it comes we

Tories do come in. In particular, any

THERE ARE many elternative and community papers around the country, adopting e wida veriety of styles, concerns and political outlooks. Community politic and political outbooks. Community political read weld, indeed important area of libertarien ectivity. Though we shouldn't be too didective, we should be prapared to point out the 'political' lessons of much community activity.

Attempts have been made recently to share information and experience, et a conference held in Leeds last year and at one in Bristol this July.

Beause the papers were dissimilar, making from that few Meschatter Revest, consignifying the second second second second forminghing production, but looks like Landon's Time Out; to mail Myler Phonis; the discussion in British second to be a bit vapue, though of course hyler Phonis; the discussion in British second to be second second second second second second second second second the second second second second making the second second second companing finish there, and led on to companing finish there, and led on conting the second se

we've barely been able to keep pace FUTURE We're producing a badge-selling

However, what is really needed is to relate the paper? politics to coverage of issues such as housing, education, transport etc. The next conference, will take place in York in March 1979 and will cover that sort of ground.

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TWO ANARCHISTS - Marie and Noel Murray - were condemned to death without a proper trial in Dublin last

The frame up and subsequent decision of the Government to hang them, marked the high point of two

Government to hang them, marked the high point of two years of violent repression by the Eire state.

Since the passing of the Offences Against the State (Amendment) Act two years ago, state repression has been escalating at a horrifying rate.

Today, torture, phone tapping and the use of troops to smash major strikes is a normal part of political life in the

There is nothing subtle or undercover about the repression: politicians of the three main political parties all proudly proclaim their intention to take a "tough line" on the question of law and order.

#### LAW

The ultimate legal weapon of the state is the Special Criminal Court. This was set up specially to deal with political cases and goes on the basis that a defendent is guilty until

For example, a senior police officer need only state that a person is in the IRA and their conviction becomes a foregone conclusion.

There is no jury in the Special Criminal Court, which is

presided over by a three-man tribunal of judges.

The judges are appointed on the basis of their political loyalties and the only qualification necessary is seven years'

service in the legal profession OR the army.

Heresay and uncorroborated statements are more than ample for securing a conviction.

In short, the function of the court is to get the 'trial' In short, the function of the court is to get the 'trial' over as quickly as possible and with the minimum of fuss.

It was this type of Kangeroo Court which was used to frame the Murrays and will be used against Ronan Stenson...

#### ORDER

Order is administered by police thuge – the Gardai – who act on the basis of 'kick first and ask questions later'.

Literally anyone can be dragged from their bed, or listed off the street, 'to help the police with their enquiries'.

In the street of the police with their enquiries'.

Beatings and immediately rearrest though the policy with their enquiries.

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Exception in these cases, and detainess are frequently keep

Beatings and torture are the rule rather than the exception in these cases, and detaines are frequently kept without food, water or sleep for hours, even days on end.

It is accepted that the police would go to the extent of

The decision to hang Noel and Marie Murray comes as the latest stage of the escalating repression; it will be the first hanging in Eiro for twenty-two years.

WE MUST FIGHT TO SAVE THE MURRAYS! WE MUST ALL OPPOSE OPPRESSION IN EIRE I

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AS Noel and Marie Murray approached their Dublin home after a morning stroll they were confronted by a garda wielding a

"You're dead Murray," he screamed.

A few months later, a justice of the Special Criminal Court concluded a political show trial by confirming the garda's



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According to the court, the story of the Murrays started on September 11, 1975, when the Allied Irish Bank was robbed by armed raiders.

As the raiders drove off in their car, an off-duty policeman spotted them and gave chase in his car.

He was not fired upon and

managed to follow the raiders to nearby St Annes Park, where he was shot in the head.

Neter As happened in the park, but we can deduce from ferrorial reports that garda Reynolds was probably shot in the course of a scuffle at close

The eye-witness accounts of the The eye-witness accounts of the bank-clerks and passers-by varied considerably and the only clue the gardai had was a contact lens case which was found in the raiders'

The fact that the gardai had nothing to go on, however, did not deter them.

They saw their chance to nail the

#### WORRIED

The gardai were increasingly worried about the activities of the

Dublin anarchists. They suspected that a section of

I ney suspected that a section of the movement was responsible for a series of bank raids and Des Kean, Columba Longmore and Robert Cullen were already in Curagh Military Prison in connection with a petrol bending of the Columbian of the Columb petrol bombing of the Spanish

You can make up your own mind as to whether the police were chiefly interested in suppressing criminal activity or preventing the Murrays from spending their 'ill-gotten gains to advance the working class struggle Police harrassment successfully

#### HOW THE POLICE FRAMED THE MURRAYS Defence Groups

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thwarted the establishment of a new breakdown anarchist newspaper.

harassment was not confined to the adventurist section of the anarchist movement, but was generally

In short, repression is increasingly the rule in Eire and it came as no surprise to Dubliners when the death of Garda Reynolds was followed by

the usual round of raids In this case, approximately two hundred raids were conducted, on known activists and even their friends

#### **TORTURE**

and relatives.

The 'interrogations of these psychological intimidation and 'longkesh' style techniques

One citizen who 'helped the police with their enquiries' sustained several bruised ribs, another was hospitalised

confirmed these facts.



twenty armed police surrounded the Murrays' house and awaited their court.

Stenson was dragged from his bed and disgust at the tribunal's refusal to manhandled into a police car where listen to their requests for a fair he was told he was being taken into unbiased, re-trial that after a time the mountains to be shot.

Ronan has a strong psychological been 'interrogated' in the first sweep of raids

The sole reason for picking up as a member of the Prisoners Rights Ronan was beaten with a hammer

and whipped with a knotted nylon rope, as well as the 'normal' methods of fist beatings, humiliation and

When some sort of statement had been besten out of him he was taken. I do the bloody deed The trial went along its predestined THERE can be no doubt that army doctor examined him and found

He was refused an independent

Such was the psychological effect against this decision.

Of course, politically motivated hear the trial.

He was reported to be "tense, extremely agitated and showing crisis

for 17½ hours before they 'broke Noel where she could hear him being

into the lavatory.

did not stop then. allowed after the Murrays had made

for two weeks.



duly charged and sent before the O not.

The Chief Justice, Pringle, stated difference between life and death.

but voluntary, although the Murrays Justice Pringle 'requested' that

the press should not report on the admissability of the statements as

#### **PREJUDGED**

the BBC knew that the verdict was to guilty before the judges had officially decided. Rumour has it that a British

hangman had been appointed even

Apparently, no Irishman would

course and after six weeks Noel and the passing of the death sentence

He had been on trial for some time, however, before the authorities decided that he was in no fit state to

His barrister informs us that Ronan breaks down every time he tries to

relate how the police treated him.

Noel and Marie were interrogated In the course of the 'interrogation' Marie was put in the cell next to

beaten and having his head forced The police told her that he would

be killed. She had every reason to believe them, so she made a statement to

agreed'.

As far as we know, the beatings No medical examinations were heir statements - which 'roughly

#### SHOW TRIAL

The entire prosecution case rested on the 'confessions'; other evidence and the statements of prosecution witnesses was vague and

that there was no evidence to suggest

When the press refused to comply

return. The Murrays refused to co-operate
At 10.30 the same morning, Ronan in this farce and such was their The Murrays refused to co-operate they refused to instruct their council. So for a large part of the trial aversion to violence of any kind and they were unrepresented and

#### There have been security leak

extensive bruising on various parts of Marie were found guilty and on the Murrays is an obvious rate. Sentenced to hang.

They were refused the right to Government.

appeal, but have since appealed This appeal was due to be heard and Noel had previously jumped bail when charged with the possession of

#### DON'T SIT ABOUT - DO SOMETHING THERE can be no doubt that member of an organisation, trad-You can also help with time and The Murrays and Stenson were whether the Murrays are 'quilty' a telegram to: or money by contacting one of the Murray Defence Committee Minister of Justice As well as in Eire and Britain All who oppose oppression and

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political pressure both from within ETU, NUS and Glasgow "ades Several political grouts are

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the state but they are the first to be sentenced to death within the last

venty years.
This is because the Government

the Murrays without there being a

moan into just that outcry. But apart from just defending

hese comrades we also see the need Acts of violence by both socialist

and nationalists have been common in Ireland for some time This is the result of many things

including a failure to break away from the traditional military method of organisation and activity The best example of this is the

Provisional IRA whose bombing campaign has not only alienated the working class but has antagonised them to a large extent. What else can be expected when

everybody is expected to sit back passively while the 'army' carry or Homeless families who squat are the struggle for them?

evicted without being offered any alternative accommodation and the The very people they need on their side - the working class - get Army has been used to break major hombed and shot at: accidents are unavoidable in this situation and The majority of unemployed their tactics only play into the hands

Also the state is given the evenue to hide their economic policies under the black cloak of pursuing 'violent extremists' and bring repression in intensification of legal measures is the back door.

Whereas in the past the most not have been possible at that stage radical workers and small farmers without the offensive bombing were forced to emigrate in search of campaign of the Provos.

While the Murrays have only been involved in guerilla activity on a small The authorities fully realise the scale, that situation nevertheless revolutionary potential of these forced them into isolation from the sectors and are thus preparing to workers movement and also gave the state a ready-made excuse to

However, their political and legislation and activity by the tactical mistakes will not prevent us overnment. tactical mistakes will not preven The Murrays are not the only from mobilising in their support.

#### At the same time as condemning the brutal and gulf between working people and revolutionary

inhuman treatment of Marie and Noel Murray at the hands of the State the Anarchist Workers Association believes that the whole issue of revolutionary tactics arising from this case must be seriously considered.

We helieve that 'heroic' acts of isolated individuals can only be counterproductive and a diversion from the real task of building a credible and active, consciously lihertarian, working class.

The reasons for this stance are twofold do not, as their prot gonists would have us believe politicise working people - rather they create a politics, leading to impotence through lack of mass

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SMASHING THE

They were known as anarchists

arms and explosives in connection

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with popular support - the introduction of repressive ineasures, allowing increased police harrassment of revolutionaries active in the class struggle, thus hampering the spread of libertarian communist ideas. 4 The AWA believes that violence aimed at the

overthrow of the State can only arise within the context of a mass-based revolutionary struggle. The need to defend revolutionary gains from assaults by the dispossessed capitalist class will then be widely understood and applied by the

repression is building up at a steady

and torture of the entire Dublin membership of the Irish Republican

Socialist Party and the continuous

granting of injunctions against strike

and anti-contraception laws are

jobs, the present slump has meant

that there is nowhere to go.

The main reason for the

further examples.

As examples of this is the arrest

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